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DE VALERA TO RECONSIDER. LAND ANNUITY SURPRISE. AGREEMENT HE WAS UNAWARE OF. WRONG ADDRESS.

London, Apr. 12. It is believed that the latest Note sent by the Rt. Hon. Mr. J. H. Thomas to the Irish Free State Government has shaken Mr. de Valera's confidence somewhat.

All members of the de Valera party are reported to have been greatly surprised by the mention in the Note of a financial agreement of February, 1923, having special regard to the land annuities, of which, it is stated, they were quite unaware.

Officials in Dublin are now said to be hastily and anxiously searching through the archives of the late Ministry for such a document, which a member of Mr. Cosgrave's last government informed Reuters' Dublin correspondent, exists.

It is learned that the agreement was signed by Mr. Cosgrave, who was then the Finance Minister of the Free State, and by Major Hill, representing to Government of the United Kingdom.

The Next Step.

It is understood that the Land Act of 1923 gave point to the agreement in respect of the annuities by setting out how they should be collected and transferred to England.

Mr. Cosgrave said at that time that the agreement was in every way satisfactory.

As Mr. de Valera has declined he will scrupulously honour any formal undertaking to continue the payment of the land annuities, his next steps will be awaited with some interest.

Consideration Delayed.

Although the Free State Executive Council meets to-morrow, a Dublin message says it is unlikely that the Dominion Secretary's reply to de Valera's despatch on the Oath and Land Annuities controversy, will be examined before Friday.

According to the *Times* Dublin correspondent, the friendly tone of the British Government note and its freedom from any kind of threat has been welcomed by Irish Free State citizens. He describes many Free State people as surprised that the Oath, which de Valera and his followers in the Free State Parliament have themselves taken, describing it in so doing as an "empty formula," should be treated as an occasion to precipitate a dispute.

In no quarter of the British press is any sympathy or approval found for de Valera's action.

The Wrong Address.

The *Evening News* refers to the already expressed concern of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa at the possible consequences of de Valera's meditated action and says he will probably be further reminded by them that the Free State helped to frame the Statute of Westminster, in which it is laid down that the Crown in the symbol of the free association of the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations and they are united by a common allegiance to the Crown.

The *News* adds that all over the Empire the hope will be that the Ireland which accepted the invitation to the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa will not go there

SOVIET INTRIGUE IN MANCHURIA. CITY UNDER ASHES. ANDEAN VOLCANO ERUPTIONS. QUEER SCENES IN CHILE.

Santiago, Apr. 12. Residents in the volcanic zone are in a state of terror as the hours of incessant eruptions pass without any sign of diminution.

They have, however, been somewhat cheered by the announcements of seismologists, expressing the belief that the danger of greater volcanic eruptions is subsiding, at least, temporarily.

Valparaiso and Santiago present an extraordinary appearance. Both cities are covered with white cinders and ashes.

The flames shooting out of the Tinguiririca crater have now subsided, but all the volcanoes are still emitting cinders and ashes.

The wind has changed and is now carrying the ashes to the mountains. The Red Cross has rushed assistance to the Andean frontier but up to the present no fatalities have been reported.—*Reuter*.

EXPORTS UP—IMPORTS DOWN.

London, Apr. 12. An increase in exports and a decrease in imports are shown in the Board of Trade returns for March—the first complete month since Britain changed her tariff policy.

Figures issued to-day show that the month's exports were £16,620,376 about £1,200,000 over February, and imports £11,119,414 over £9 millions less than February.

The adverse trade balance has been reduced to £24,499,000 as compared with £34,738,968 the previous month.—*British Wireless*.

THE PRINCE AND INDUSTRY.

"GET TOGETHER" MOVEMENT.

London, Apr. 12. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in a message to the National Industrial Alliance to-day, said he could see no more helpful sign for the restoration of industrial prosperity and consequent well-being of the people of this country than the determination of employers and employed to get together in a spirit of mutual helpfulness, and, by pooling their experiences and special knowledge, seek to solve the many problems which at present concerned them.—*British Wireless*.

Said to have attempted suicide in a fit of depression over financial matters, a woman named Lt Lan, of 4, Chiu Shing Street, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of an overdose of eucalyptus.

A workman engaged on board the s.s. Kwolehow, at the Talkoo Docks, last night received a fractured left leg when he accidentally fell into the No. 2 hold. He also sustained a scalp wound and was later removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

with the intention of tearing itself out of the family and so becoming no longer entitled to the many and growing boons which membership of the British Commonwealth confers.—*Reuter and British Wireless*.

MANY ARRESTS IN HARBIN. REDS AND REBELS IN ALLIANCE.

Harbin, Apr. 13. Signs that the unrest against the new Manchurian administration is gaining strength daily are not wanting.

The latest development is an alliance between Communist agitators and the troops of the old Kirin Army on the eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

UNITE WITH U.S.S.R.

Pamphlets are being distributed urging the people to assist the rebels to "overthrow the Manchukuo Government" and "Establish a Soviet Government and unite with the U.S.S.R."

In Harbin itself, Red agitators are causing trouble, and it is reported that many Soviet citizens have been arrested on charges of implication in plots to destroy railway property.

Kuzan-tsevo Station, near Weishaho, has been looted and burned by bandits.—*Reuter*.

Silver Ratio and Sterling.

BANKER ON EMPIRE CURRENCY.

London, Apr. 12. The re-introduction of silver into the world's monetary systems in order to mitigate the present shortage of gold, was advocated by Sir Robert Horne, the famous banker and economist, speaking before the Royal Empire Society to-day.

Referring to the Imperial Economic Conference, Sir Robert Horne said he was looking for a settlement of the matter, which he believed to be vitally important to world prosperity.

He also strongly supported the Canadian suggestion that an Empire currency should be established, stating his considered opinion that if the nations of the Empire agreed to fix a ratio between silver and sterling, the Empire would benefit extensively in developing trade with the East.—*Reuter*.

CONTINENT AND BRITISH COAL.

STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT

London, Apr. 12. The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Runciman, to-day answered further Parliamentary questions regarding the restrictions on the importation of British coal into Germany, France and Belgium.

He repeated that successive German quota reductions were regarded as discriminatory against Britain.

The French and Belgian quota restrictions applied to coal imported from all countries, but the methods of calculating the quotas and administering the licensing system which gave effect to the quotas were considered inequitable to Britain.

In Italy, a general landing duty of two and half lire per ton applied only to coal imported by sea. Accordingly it affected coal from this country to a greater extent than coal from other countries.

Mr. Runciman said that where there was discrimination against Britain it could not be ignored and such steps as appeared to be necessary must be taken.—*British Wireless*.

BRITISH ARMY STRENGTH.

FIGURES FOR UNITED KINGDOM.

London, Apr. 12. It was stated in the House of Commons to-day that the present strength of the Regular Army in the United Kingdom is 7,505 officers and 99,381 other ranks.

The Territorial Army strength is 6,899 officers and 124,380 other ranks.—*British Wireless*.

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New York, Apr. 12. The baseball season opened yesterday with one game at Washington, in which the Senators defeated Boston (in the American League) by one run to nil.—*Reuter*.

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GENEVA HUMS. THREE GATHERINGS IN SESSION.

TARDIEU STARRED.

Geneva, Apr. 12. Simultaneous work by the League Council, the International Labour Conference and the World Disarmament Conference, made Geneva a hive of international activity to-day.

Chief interest centred upon M. Tardieu's proposal to adjourn the Council's decision upon the League's Financial Commission's Report on the Danube State until May.

M. Tardieu made this suggestion in view of the fact that the four principal Powers have appointed experts to conduct a technical examination of the Daubian economic problem.

After Sir John Simon, Signor Grandi and Dr. von Buelow had drawn attention to the urgency of the matter, M. Tardieu's proposal was adopted.

International Army.

The French Premier was also prominent at the Disarmament Conference, where, in a stirring speech, he reiterated France's plan for an international military force and emphasised the interdependence of the French proposals for the suppression of aggressive aims.—*Reuter*.

London, April 12. It is expected that the Prime Minister will leave London to-morrow week for Geneva to attend the Disarmament Conference.—*British Wireless*.

CHICAGO POLLS IN PRIMARIES.

TERRORISM FEARS NOT REALISED.

Chicago, Apr. 12. Driving predictions of a reign of terror with Al Capone's gunmen ruling the ballot-boxes, citizens of Chicago to-day polled heavily for both the Republican and Democratic candidates in the primary election for nomination of candidates for the Presidency of the United States.

Forty thousand police and volunteers guarded the polling booths, and there were only minor disorders.—*Reuter's American Service*.

A WORLD OF ILLUSION. THE DAILY MAIL LIBEL CASE. SIR OLIVER LODGE AS WITNESS. TALK WITH SON.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Apr. 12. Remarkable evidence was given by Sir Oliver Lodge, the celebrated scientist and adherent of spiritualism, when he was called on behalf of Mrs. Mourie Morris, who is suing the *Daily Mail* for libel.

The plaintiff is a comparatively young woman recognised as one of the most extraordinary mediums of the day. She is of humble origin and has little education, coming from an ordinary village school.

Widespread Interest.

In trances, she has delivered sermons in the ringing tones of a trained masculine speaker and her reputation is such that all the leading personalities in spiritualism are following the action with the greatest interest.

The claim is based principally upon a contents bill issued by the *Daily Mail* proclaiming:

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Her counsel argued that it was impossible, as the *Daily Mail* implied, that a frail, poorly educated woman could produce such phenomenon by conscious trickery. While preaching in a trance, her bodily changes themselves were remarkable. One side of her body became absolutely cold and her pulse leaped to 150.

Dr. Eder, who examined her in those circumstances, described her as perfectly sincere and honest.

Sir Oliver Lodge, the veteran scientist, described his talk with "Mr. Power," one of plaintiff's "controls," and also a talk with his famous son, Raymond, who was killed in the War.

He discussed conditions in the spirit world with his son.

World of Illusion.

"I put it to my boy, Raymond, 'You live in the world of illusion,' and he replied: 'So do you, father.'"

Sir Oliver Lodge said he was absolutely convinced that Mrs. Morris was perfectly honest.

"It is a phenomenon that must be recognised—that a person can leave the body to be manipulated by another intelligence. That has been established as a fact by students of psychic science."

Case for Defence.

Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., opening the case for the defence, made the most of the fact that Mrs. Lawrence Cowan, who was prominently associated with the manifestations in which Mrs. Morris was concerned, was now called as a witness.

Mr. Birkett denounced him as an attempted exploiter.

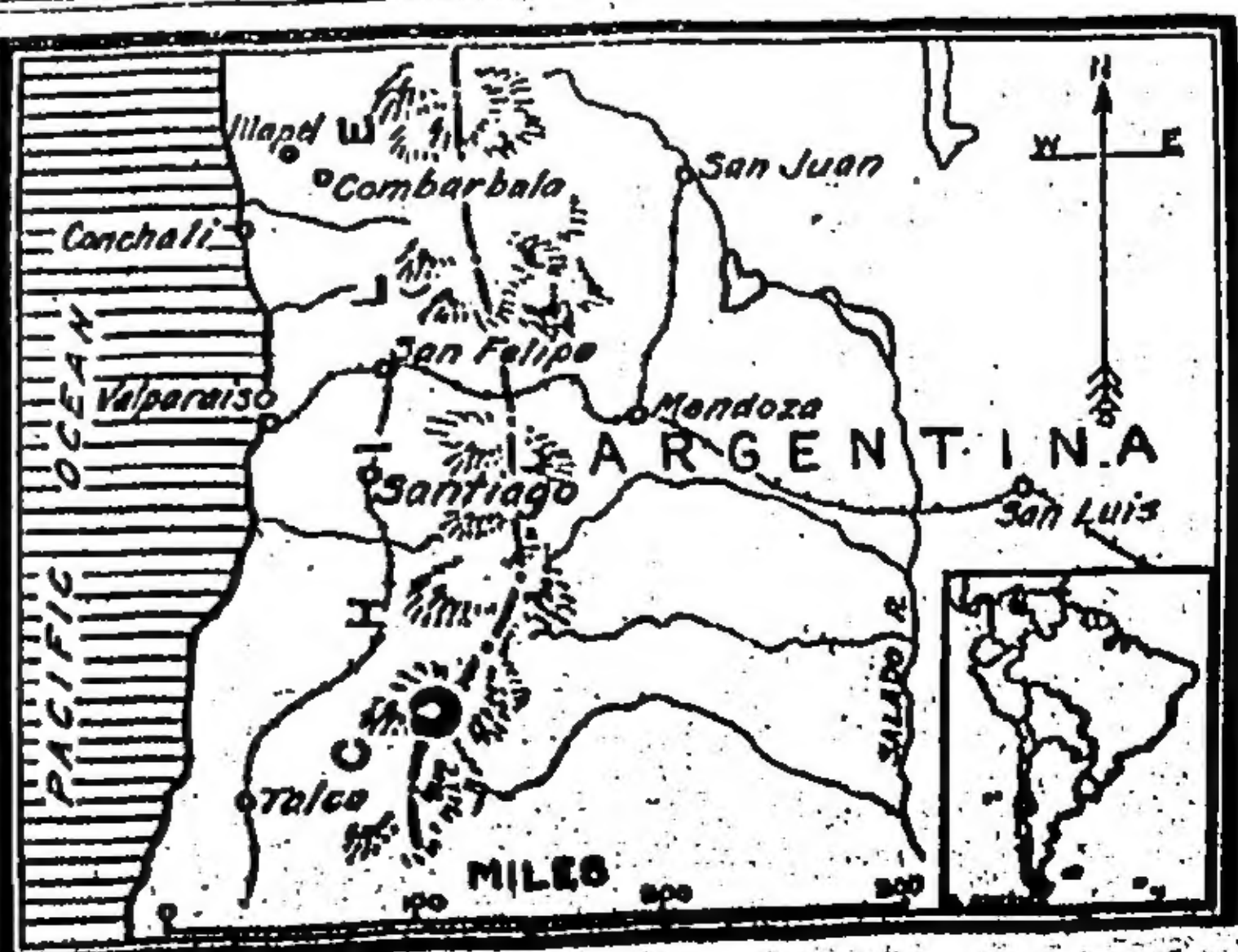
SILVER SLIGHTLY DOWN.

HONGKONG DOLLAR UNALTERED.

The Hongkong dollar still remains at 1s. 2½/8d., although silver has again declined both in London and New York. The local market has an easy undertone.

London reports a fall of 1/80 in silver. There was no special feature on the market. India sold, but business was small. After the official fixing, the market ruled dull, with American facilities to sell.

In New York, silver is down 1/8th, with the market steady.



The area chiefly affected by the volcanic eruptions on the Argentine-Chile frontier is mapped above. Tinguiririca, the most violent of the craters, is represented by the heavy black circle.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE.

By W. E. McKenney.

Secretary, American Bridge League.

In contract bridge, to arrive at the best declaration for the combined 26 cards, it is necessary for partners to exchange as much intelligent information as possible by sound bids—no as not to take a chance on losing game or over-bidding the hand.

When the original bidder's hand contains two and one-half high card tricks or better and a distribution assuring him that his hand will also take at least four or five tricks if played at the suit mentioned, he has three choices of bids:

1—He may make a minimum bid of one. While he may be taking a chance that his partner will pass short of game, partner should not pass when holding at least one and one-half tricks.
2—He may bid for game at once, but the risk here is very great as there may be two or three different declarations in the hand and the best declaration may not be the one he calls.
3—He may make a forcing bid which not only gives valuable information to partner but requires partner to keep the bidding open, thereby guaranteeing him another opportunity to bid.

The ordinary way to make a forcing bid is to bid one more of a suit than is necessary to hold the contract. The various types of forcing bids are as follows:

1—Any original bid of two in a suit requires that the bidding be kept open by partner until a game-going declaration is arrived at, therefore it should not be made if you are not willing to play the hand at game even though partner's hand may be trickless.

2—Overcalling partner's suit bid with another suit bid of one more than is necessary, e. g. partner bids one heart and you bid three diamonds. This also indicates a game-going hand and requires the bidding to be kept open until game is arrived at.

3—Overcalling opponent's suit with a higher bid of the same suit if partner has previously bid; e. g. your partner bids one heart, opponent bids two diamonds, and you bid three diamonds. This shows no losing cards in the opponent's suit, support in your partner's suit, and slam possibilities. It further requires that the bidding shall be kept open until at least a game-going declaration is arrived at.

4—The one over one, which the writer advocates, is a take-out of partner's opening bid of one, with a bid of one in another suit; e. g. partner bids one heart and you bid one spade. This is the one-over-one and requires partner to keep the bidding open, but it does not guarantee game and partner may pass on the next round. Supposing partner were now to bid one no trump. He would show a minimum four card heart suit opening bid. If you were to carry the bid to two spades, partner, holding no additional values, has a perfect right to pass.

The following bids are strong invitation bids but are not demand bids and partner may pass them:

1—A free bid of more than game; e. g. partner bids one heart and you bid five hearts. This is a strong invitation for a slam bid, but partner may pass it.

2—A jump re-bid in your own suit after partner has once denied it, or if he has passed; e. g. you bid one spade, partner passes or bids two hearts, and you now bid three spades. You strongly invite him to go to four, but he may pass. No trump bids are at no time forcing bids.

THESE BULLION BROKERS.

MR. BOWES-SMITH GIVES AMUSING ADDRESS.

ROTARY TALK.

Rotarians and guests found much to amuse them in a delightfully light address which was given by Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith on the subject of "These Bullion Brokers" at yesterday's weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club, which was held on board the s.s. President Hoover, this being the first occasion when the meeting has been held on board a ship.

The Chairman (Sir William Hornell) welcomed the following guests:—Rotarians, F. H. Stevenson, (Peking), Yinson Lee, (Shanghai), L. L. Goodman, (Singapore), H. Thorpe, (Canton), A. P. Drakeford, (Manila), Freider, (Manila), S. Fraser, (Manila), Gilleland, (Manila); and the following non-Rotarian guests:—Mr. Douglas Jenkins, (Consul General for U.S.A. in Hongkong), Mr. F. H. Hake, (Consul for U.S.A., Canton), Mr. R. J. Bell, (British North Borneo), Captain T. W. H. Hosenood, Dr. Ernest To, Dr. Y. S. Wan, Dr. Bernardo de Sousa, Mr. P. G. Kerley, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. R. A. Greaves, and Mr. R. Cryan, (all of Hongkong).

The Chairman announced that on the occasion of Goethe's centenary, "Faust" will be presented under the auspices of the German Club at St. Paul's Girls' College on April 16.

Mr. Bowes-Smith said:—As a guest of the Rotary Club and the Dollar Steamship Company it gives me much pleasure to stand before you to-day, but as a bullion broker I do so with that diffidence which is such a characteristic of the members of my profession. (Laughter). Exchange brokers, as a body, so often stand up to be shot at in the press that when one of them rises in public, he half expects to be the target for banana-skins and rotten apples. Seeing, however, that we have no bananas to-day and that such a thing as a rotten apple has never been seen on a President boat, I hope that my remarks will be greeted with nothing more than an occasional raspberry. (Laughter).

Docile And Harmless.

There is no section of the community which is more maligned than the bullion brokers, unless it be the Broadcasting Committee, the civil servants and the inhabitants of Ice House Street. Yet a more docile and harmless lot of human beings it would be difficult to find. Accused of almost every crime, from rigging the exchange market to robbing the public, down to exceeding the rickshaw speed limit, these mild-mannered gentlemen find it hard at times to hold up their heads and look their fellow citizens in the face. Even the sharebrokers look askance at them, as though they have deliberately engineered the rise in the dollar to depress the stock market. In time they acquire a sort of inferiority complex, feeling that no matter how they present their case to the public no one will believe a word they say. As a matter of fact, I have never known an exchange broker tell an untruth. (Laughter).

Examples of Good Conduct.

Far from being undesirable, these gentlemen are singularly free from evil intentions and vice. Have you ever seen an exchange broker snatching a lady's handbag or trafficking in women and children? Have you ever known him cut his neighbour's aerial or appear in public improperly clad? Ours was practically the only profession not included in the list of prominent residents, soldiers, lawyers and what-nots who recently expressed a desire to go about naked. (Laughter).

Actually, the exchange brokers set an example of good conduct and gallantry which it would be well for others to emulate. When they find the narrow thoroughfare of Ice House Street blocked by pedestrians, they frequently get

out of their rickshaws and proceed on foot to prevent the jobbers being jolted into the gutter. When they are waiting outside a bank manager's door, and a merchant or lawyer arrives on the scene, they invariably make way and say "After you, sir," even if they know that it will probably be twenty minutes before he comes out again. And when a lady stops one of them in the street and asks to be directed to the Peak Church or the Virgins' Retreat, he promptly leaves his job and sees her safely en route to her destination. (Laughter).

These positive qualities are unfortunately not recognised sufficiently, and so it is that the fraternity of which I am a humble member comes in for a lot of misinformed criticism. I hope to prove to you in a few moments, gentlemen, that instead of being criticised, we deserve your sympathy for the many buffetings we receive in the execution of our duty.

Their Private Lives.

Consider, in the first place, what these brokers are like in private life. One of them plays the piano. I've always maintained that a man who plays the piano must have a streak of goodness in him somewhere. (Applause). He also writes letters to the newspapers: a harmless sort of lunacy which cannot lead him very far astray. Several of them play golf, which is another harmless sort of lunacy, and only leads them as far as Fanning. One of them spends his spare time frolicking on the beach; while my old friend Champkin has a weakness for Boy Scouts and anti-aircraft guns. Quiet, innocent enjoyments, which they certainly deserve after the trials and tribulations of their daily task. I should, perhaps, admit that at least one of them is interested in the turf, but a man can even enjoy horse racing without being thoroughly dishonest.

I will not say any more about their private lives, for they are friends of mine. But I hope to have proved that they are no worse, (Continued on Page 10.)

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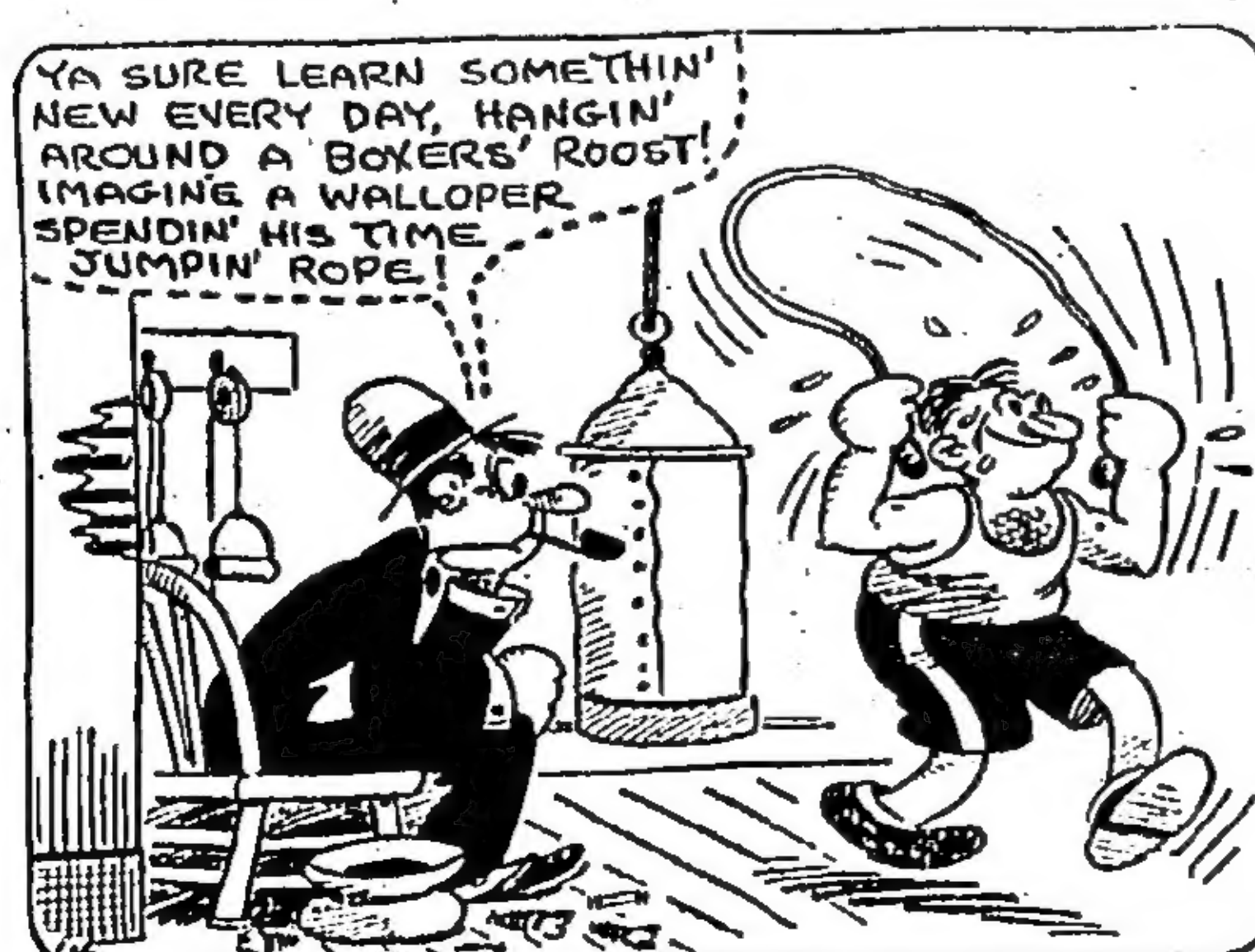
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Our photo shows the Schneider Trio, who delighted Hongkong music lovers with recitals a few months ago and are giving further performances this week and next. The first recital is to be given at the Helena May Institute this evening.

The dime-a-dance girl

BY JOAN CLAYTON

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Beautiful Ellen Rosseter, who works by day as a salesgirl in Barclay's Department Store, lives with her mother, Molly Rosseter, her elder sister, Myra, and her young brother, Mike. Irresponsible Molly has long ago squandered the fortune left by her English husband and the two girls support the family.

Molly foolishly spends money saved to pay the rent. Ellen decides to work at night as a dance hall hostess until the sum is made up. She goes to Dreamland and interviews Jacob Salomon who offers her a job on condition that she supply her own evening dress. She has no evening dress.

Steven Barclay, Ellen's employer, sees her crying and asks her to come to his office. When she tells him the situation he offers to give her a dress. She proudly refuses. He then lends her one of the dresses worn by the store models.

Ellen is half-pleased, half-frightened by Barclay's obvious interest in her. She dines with him and he drives her to Dreamland where he leaves her. Salomon introduces her to the other hostesses. Ellen hates the cheapness of Dreamland. Two of the hostesses, Tony and Anise, wait for her to dress.

CHAPTER V

Ellen sensed the antagonism of the two girls. She ignored it. They were staring at the ivory gown. Let them stare! Her own pleasure in the gown had evaporated. She neither knew nor cared how beautiful she looked in the soft ivory tulle which swept the floor around her.

Tony, bright-eyed, small and brunette, was barely covered by a wisp of chiffon which clearly revealed her breasts and young, unformed legs. Her sigh of admiration, a purely feminine sigh, turned swiftly to envy as feminine.

"The competition is going to be fierce to-night," she whispered loudly to her platinum-haired companion.

"Maybe she thinks she's going to be presented at Buckingham Palace," countered Anise, flipping her cigarette to the floor.

Tony chuckled gleefully. "The queen herself," she giggled. "And in a dress from Chantel or I'll eat my favourite lipstick."

The youngsters jumped to her feet, ran across the room and before Ellen understood her purpose she had pulled down the back of the dress to examine the label.

"It is a Chantel," she confirmed in an awed tone. And to Ellen, "How come you wear a dress from Chantel to dance in a dump like this?"

Ellen felt like tearing off the dress and stamping on it. She was angry and humiliated. A good part of her anger was directed at herself. She should have known better than to select so unsuitable a costume merely because it was becoming. She had come to Dreamland to work—not to play. Play time was for girls who were protected and cared for—for girls who would have been scornfully amused at the notion of dancing at Dreamland to earn money for rent.

"Go away," she fiercely addressed Tony. "Go away and let me alone. And take your hands off my dress!"

"Aw, I'm sorry if I hurt your feelings," apologized Tony, with a contrite, distressed little laugh. "Honest I'm sorry. Don't be sore. I was only fooling. You look swell."

Her small face was puckered with earnestness. She slipped her brown hand into Ellen's hand and grinned up at her engagingly. Any-one would have forgiven Tony in

Ellen forgave readily. She thought Tony a good-hearted youngster for all her defiant hardness, worth a dozen of the languishing Anise.

Anise was still sulky and aggrieved when the three girls walked into the ballroom. But Tony had forgotten completely that she had ever been jealous of Ellen and was eagerly babbling out amazingly sophisticated advice and instructions.

The hostesses sat at empty tables, one girl to a table, and waited for men to ask them to dance. Most of the girls had regular patrons. Tony's instructions dealt in part with methods for "cinching regulars." These men would buy a whole string of tickets for the privilege of dancing with a particular girl for an hour or so. After each of the short dances—the fastest couples barely managed three turns of the room before the orchestra stopped—the girl would gravely detach one of the tickets from the long string proffered by her escort.

Ellen took a table close to Tony's. But Tony was gone almost immediately, away like a green flash in the arms of a tall youth. She made a very ugly face over her partner's shoulder to indicate to Ellen that she did not favour him.

Ellen sat alone for some time. The music, once she became accustomed to its loudness, made her want to dance. She was surprised to observe that for once in her life she was an undeniable wallflower.

The large majority of the other tables were quickly evacuated. Still no one asked her to dance. A great many of the men who stood around the walls watching the dancers or waiting their turn with Sunny or Anise or Tony or Mybelle glanced toward her but no one approached. Ellen's very beauty and air cool aloofness intimidated them. At last a bold spirit sought out Salomon and came over for an introduction. As she acknowledged the introduction Ellen realized there were worse things than sitting alone at a table while others danced.

One of them was dancing with Joseph K. Landis. He was clumsy. He was crude. He held her so tightly that she could hardly breathe. He pressed his damp face against her cool cheek no matter how insistently she sought to avoid the juxtaposition. And all the time he babbled in her ear inane compliments.

"Where've you been all my life, little one? At home taking care of the kids? I thought so. A pretty little thing like you should have a better fate. Take me for instance—go right ahead and take me. I'll see you don't get trampled in the rush."

"You're holding me too tightly," she said furiously.

"Naughty, naughty! You're not supposed to talk. I can hold you tighter than this. See."

He closed his arms around her, moved his face forward and kissed her squarely on the lips. Ellen struggled free, slapped him across the mouth and was off the floor and back at her table before Joseph could mood, as Tony well knew.

Der Reichspräsident

Berlin, den 16. Februar 1932.

Ich erkläre hiermit, dass ich der Aufnahme meines Namens in den "Wahlvorschlag Hindenburg" für die Reichspräsidentenwahl 1932 zustimme.

von Hindenburg

In this note President Paul von Hindenburg told the German electorate that he would stand for re-election as chief Executive of the Reich.

K. Landis thoroughly understood what had happened.

Jacob Salomon was very angry. He stood before Ellen's table, his feet wide apart, his arms gesticulating, as he explained in detail how angry he was.

"I don't care if he did try to kiss you," he snapped. "That was no reason for socking him. You gotta treat patrons decent. Kid 'em along, give 'em a good time. That's what you're here for, young woman."

Ellen was angry, too. "I came here to dance, Mr. Salomon, not to be mauled," she retorted, her eyes flashing, her lips pale with anger. "He didn't try to kiss me. He did kiss me."

She got up from the table and had begun to say that Salomon could find another girl to take her place, one more amenable to his ideas, when she saw that there was a small disturbance near the door.

Three men had entered and were grouped near the ticket booth. The two in evening clothes plainly wished to leave but the third, the one in flannels, just as plainly wished to stay. Suddenly Ellen saw him detach himself from his companions and push his way toward the spot where she and Salomon stood. He came straight across the crowded floor, regardless of the dancers annoyed by his transit.

He was a young man of 26 or 27 with a countenance in which eagerness was oddly mixed with something almost like boredom. His hair was thick and red. Ellen had a strange feeling that she would always remember his progress across the floor, that it would remain forever fixed in her mind, unchangeable.

She continued talking to Salomon, who had his back to the newcomer, but she was hardly conscious of what she said. While she talked she was aware that all her attention was fixed upon that figure approaching and that she was asking herself the cause of the contradictions in this face, deciding it was due to the sulky, bored mouth beneath such eager eyes. Were they blue or gray?

Jacob Salomon did not observe the young man until he was within a few steps of them. But he understood immediately.

"You're right," he muttered, half under his breath. "You should've socked him. Be more careful this time. This bird's class or I miss my guess."

Ellen stepped backward, all

thought of leaving Dreamland gone.

She had the strangest feeling that she wanted to prolong the moment of waiting. She was like a child on Christmas morning hesitating at the stairway-head before plunging down to the glittering tree. She saw Salomon speak to the young man, saw the two turn toward her. Salomon introduced her and waited for the newcomer to supply his own name. Ellen, with her new and sharpened perceptions, felt that the young man hesitated as he said that he was Larry Smith. She could not be certain. She was certain that his eyes were grey, not blue.

The orchestra swung into a waltz. Most of the couples were flocking from the floor. Ellen saw them, heard them, even identified some of the girls, but all this served only as a dim and unreal background for the man who stood before her.

He asked her to dance. With that same strange feeling that all of this had been preordained, that all this was something that she would never forget, she stepped into his arms.

"Am I going crazy?" she thought. "A young man I've never seen before waltzes with me and I want to cry."

She fancied that she was trembling. She was sure that if she tried to speak she would find that she had lost her voice. The two tall beautiful young people were almost alone on the floor. They had not spoken since they started dancing. As effortless as shadows they drifted along to the measures of the lightly melancholy tune.

"I haven't any tickets," the young man spoke at last and abruptly. Absurdly he repeated, "I haven't any tickets."

He guided her to the ticket booth. Even as they reached the knot of perspiring men who were supplying themselves with fresh tickets, the dance was done. Ellen withdrew a few paces, embarrassed, shy, confused.

She was obsessed with a desire to learn the name of the waltz the orchestra had played. As she waited for her partner nothing seemed to matter in the world save that she should know the name of that waltz. Without thinking what she was doing she thumped the violin player between the shoulder blades. He was tuning his instrument but he stopped to



The Maharajah of Karpethala and his wife, wintering at Chamonix in the south of France.



La Argentina being decorated by the Prime Minister of Spain, Senor Azana.

Y. M. C. A. FUNCTION.

BRIDGE AND MAHJONG DRIVE YESTERDAY.

The first function organised by the Women's Section of the European Y.M.C.A. was held in the West Lounge yesterday, when a bridge and mahjong drive was organised for the Girl Guides Headquarters Hut Fund. The M.C. was Mrs. J. H. Hunt, the Hon. Secretary of the Women's Section. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent and it is hoped to repeat similar functions in the future. The prize winners were:

Contract Bridge, 1st. Mrs. E. Cock; Booby, Miss Elliott-Hayward.

Auction Bridge, 1st. Mrs. Grist; Booby, Mrs. Holloway.

Mahjong, 1st. Mrs. Russell; Booby, Miss C. Allison.

A hand-made leather bag, made and presented by Mrs. J. H. Hunt, was won by Mrs. L. Jack.

The prizes were kindly presented to the winners by Mrs. T. H. King, in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. W. T. Southern, who received a bouquet of flowers from Miss Johanna Holland, a Girl Guide.

Sincere thanks are extended to the following for the prizes.—Colonial Dispensary, Kayamally & Co., Mrs. W. T. Southern, Mrs. Newell, Mr. P. S. Cassidy and Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co.; also to Mrs. Merrick for a donation and Ye Olde Printerie for the score cards.

The Committee are to be congratulated on the splendid organisation, especially Mrs. Hunt for all she did to make the drive such a great success.

ask indignantly what she thought she was doing.

"What waltz were you playing? What waltz were you playing?"

"Waltz Romantic." Next time look out who you punch."

Ellen laughed joyously and with a disgusted glance at her, he began to pick at his strings again. A moment later the lights went out—all except a round moon over the orchestra.

As the room filled with misty, bluish light and the piano began to tinkle, the dancers crowded to the floor. Ellen was wildly impatient to be dancing. What if Larry Smith were unable to find her? Had he noticed that she had withdrawn? She turned to see him coming toward her through the bluish dusk.

As he drew near she thought that she had never been so happy in her life.

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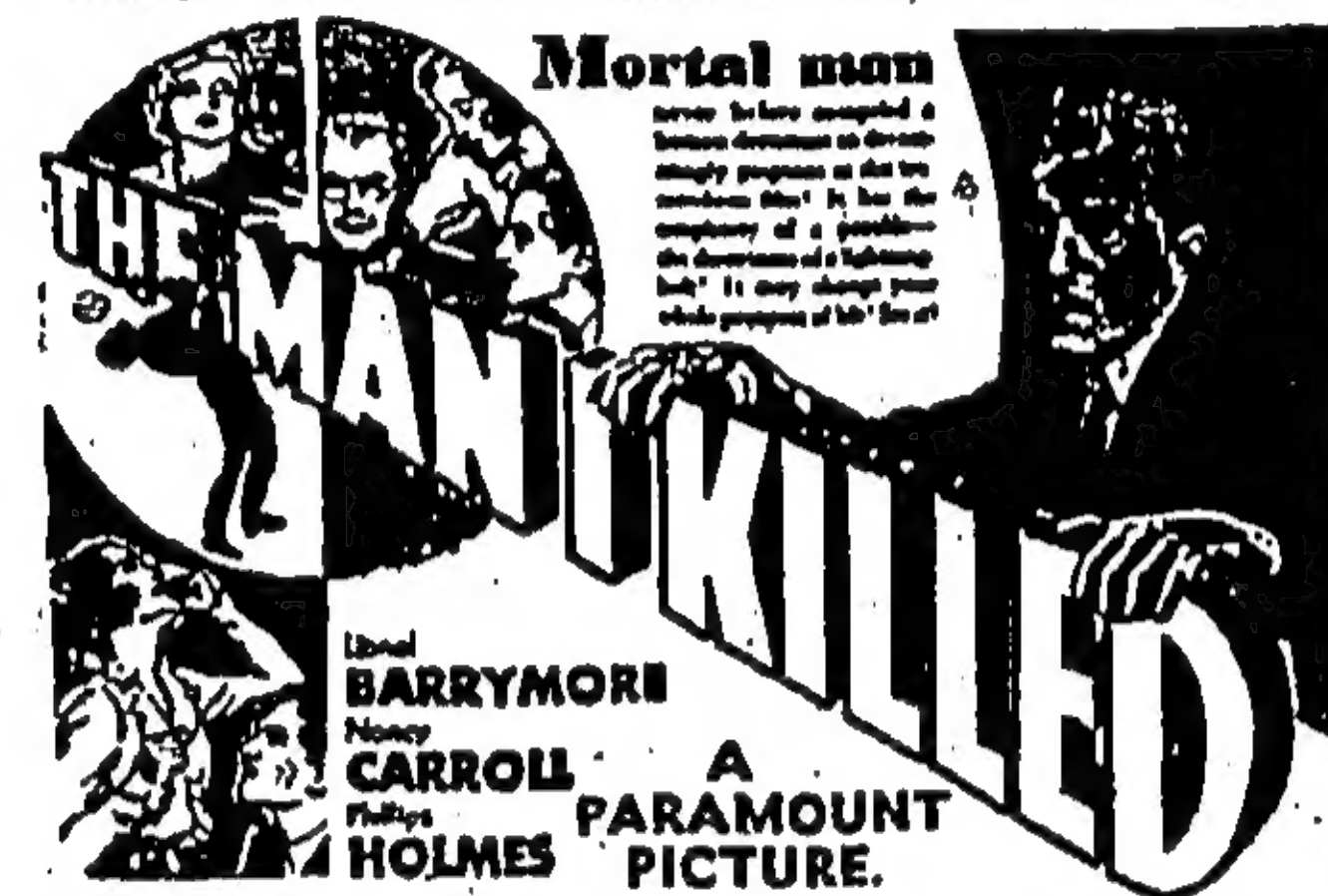
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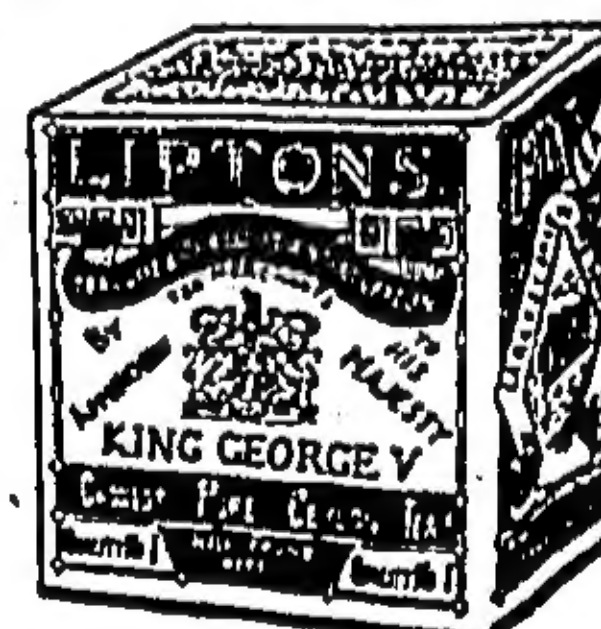
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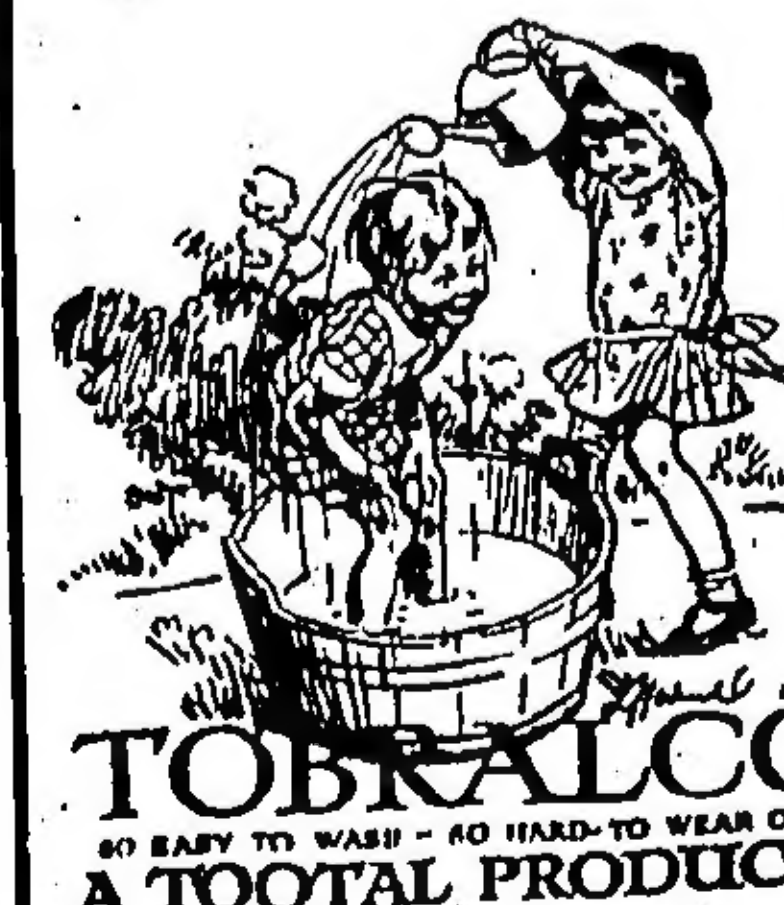
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Second Extra Race Meeting. (Postponed from 3rd April, 1932)

By courtesy of the Stewards of the Fanling Hunt & Race Club, the above Race Meeting will be held at the Kwantl Race Course on

Sunday, the 17th April, 1932, First Saddle Race at 1.45 p.m. First Race at 2.15 p.m. Admission to Members' Enclosure will be limited to Members of This Club and Fanling Hunt & Race Club who must wear their Badges.

Non-Members will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure upon payment of \$5 per badge. Tickets for admission to the Public Enclosure \$1 each. Each Member is entitled to 2 Ladies Tickets free on application to the Secretary. Special Train services. Leaving Kowloon at 1.05 p.m. and returning from Fanling at 5.58 p.m. \$2 fare including admittance charge to the Race Course.

By Order,
W. L. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 23rd April, 1932, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Village Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock Noon on Thursday, 14th April, 1932.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 13th day of April, 1932, to Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 7th April, 1932.

CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

After a search of two weeks during which production necessarily was delayed, Miriam Seegar was chosen for the leading feminine role in the Pathé comedy drama, "Big Money," featuring Eddie Quillan, Robert Armstrong, James Gleason, Miss Seegar and Margaret Livingston, which was directed by Russell Mack and which is showing at the Central Theatre to-day.

Miss Seegar, a petite blonde, was favourably known on the stage, both in New York and London before she went to Hollywood about a year ago. She played leading roles opposite Richard Dix, Reginald Denny and Adolphe Menjou, and most recently was featured with Charlie Murray in "Clancy in Wall Street." The cast for "Big Money" was carefully selected and some twenty-five prominent stage and screen players were entrusted with the various roles. The story deals with the troubles and triumphs of a Wall Street messenger boy employed in a broker's office. He is addicted to the gambling habit, which is not unknown in Wall Street, and as a dice thrower he is a distinguished success. He is given \$5,000 to deposit in a bank, but anxious for another whirl at the cubes, he finds the bank closed and is obliged to guard the money through the ensuing night. He falls in with several gangsters and when they learn of the treasure he carries in a brief case, his troubles begin.

There are numerous thrilling scenes, but Eddie Quillan's flair for comedy even in the face of personal peril, carry him through with flying colours. He falls in love with his employer's daughter, portrayed by Miss Seegar, and finally wins her by giving up the gambling game which had almost wrecked their love romance. The picture was directed by Russell Mack. Robert Edeson, Dorothy Christy and other notable players are in the cast.

"The Man I Killed." The new trend in pictures, as recently described by B. P. Schulberg, managing director of Paramount's West Coast production, when he said that "dialogue should only be used to enhance the dramatic value of the story," is strikingly exemplified in "The Man I Killed," coming soon to the King's Theatre.

Ernst Lubitsch's first dramatic talking production will reach the screen with far less dialogue than the other big pictures made since the advent of sound. "Dialogue is important when it means something, yet only where it is vital to the story," says the director, who made several dramatic silent pictures but whose talking productions to date have been confined to the lighter and more sophisticated, "The Smiling Lieutenant," "Monte Carlo" and "The Love Parade."

"Lionel Barrymore, Nancy Carroll, Phillips Holmes and the other characters in 'The Man I Killed' talk when it is logical that they should talk; they do not talk, however, when the story can better be developed in terms of action and use of the cameras."

Page after page of the script of the after-the-war romance laid in France and Germany was bare of dialogue. It was more like the scenarios for silent pictures, following the down-to-earth formula which authorities such as Schulberg and Lubitsch say is the new trend in providing the kind of entertainment demanded by the public. "Beau Ideal."

Adventure-seeking soldiers of the French Foreign Legion! Battling outcasts... fugitives from life and society! Devil-may-care heroism from the four corners of the world! The courage of this famous body of soldiers-of-fortune as depicted in "Beau Ideal" coming to the Queen's Theatre to-day, taxes credulity. The heterogeneous characters of the men enlisted produce situations unparalleled in any other body of troops. A bugle sounds the call to arms. The Legion barracks spring to life. Soldiers rush to the gun racks. There they wait, while a corporal unlocks the chains which hold the rifles in the rack. With all back threatening, one wonders at this apparently foolish delay.

Here is the terse explanation of a former officer of the Legion: "All nations, colours, creeds and religions are in our Legion. They have pay days. Liquor is plentiful and potent. Quarrels arise. Loose guns are dangerous." Several scenes of the Legion have important parts in the picture.

Ralph Forbes who created the role of "John Geste" in "Beau Geste," plays the same role in "Beau Ideal" which is a sequel by the same author. He is supported by an excellent cast, including Loretta Young, Irene Rich, Lester Vail, Don Alvarado, Otto Matiesen, Paul McAllister, Hale Hamilton, George Rigas and Leni Stengel, Herbert Brenon, director of the silent "Beau Geste" also directed the talking "Beau Ideal."

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"Palmy Days." Eddie Cantor insists that he has a future that goes beyond current success, but what it is he doesn't know. Since the Samuel Goldwyn picture "Palmy Days," at the King's Theatre, is meant to be a for-lauding-purposes-only exposure of spiritualism, Cantor makes his role as an unwilling assistant to a fake spirit-ualist seem the more real. In the way of a future, Cantor is contemplating a goodwill tour of Europe under the auspices of Samuel Goldwyn. Personal appearances in connection with the showings of "Palmy Days" in Berlin, Paris, London, Vienna and Rome are likely. Eddie hasn't seen to Europe since he went to England on his honeymoon in 1914, to sing a single number in "Christie's Revue." The song is still remembered—"I Love the Ladies."

Then the goggle-eyed comic has two stage offers under advisement—one from Florenz Ziegfeld for a new "Follies" or possibly a "book" or story show, and another for Earl Carroll's "Vanities." A year ago, when Cantor went westward after his long stage run in "Whoops," to make the mammoth picturization of the New Amsterdam Theatre hit, he promised himself and his family—meaning his wife, Ida, and his five daughters—that he was through with the stage forever. No one challenges his right to change his mind—that is, no one except Eddie and his family.

Cantor's literary activities are becoming increasingly successful—so much so, in fact, that Eddie is seriously contemplating a more intensive concentration on that field. "Caught Short" was an outstanding success; so was "My Life is in Your Hands." Currently, "Yoo! Hoo! Prosperity" is attracting nation wide attention in book form after its serial publication in "The Saturday Evening Post." His magazine stories find a quick market and great popularity. To him, it is a "crime and almost untouched field."

Lastly, then, Cantor has his family to consider. Ida, his wife, with whom he grew up in the East Side tenements of New York, his five daughters, ranging in age from four to fifteen, knows that the more of a career he pursues, particularly on the stage or screen, with its night work, its constant travel and public attention, the less family he will have. He likes California. He thinks it a fine country to bring up the Cantor girls. He has a great mansion in Great Neck, Long Island, that is closed during his Hollywood sojourn.

So Eddie Cantor is wondering. The fortune-telling exposures of "Palmy Days" help him none at all. "Flying High."

Thanks for a huge new aluminum plane which permits a camera to be carried high in the air, there to operate hither and yon at will, one of the most unusual "shots" ever made in a motion picture appears in "Flying High," which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

The "shot" concerns a brilliant song and dance number, "Happy Landings." When the scene first appears on the screen, the camera apparently is hovering over a huge aviation field, from which scores of "ships" are rising. Suddenly, however, the field slips away, disclosing two score of gorgeously beautiful girls, who perform an intricate dance manoeuvre as directed by Busby Berkeley, responsible for the ensembles of "Whoops." Kathryn Crawford is the featured singer of the number.

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The "Happy Landings" number is but one of four new songs which are interspersed between the drooleries of Bert Lahr, America's most imitated comedian, Charlotte Greenwood, Pat O'Brien, Kathryn Crawford, Charles Winninger, Hedda Hopper, Gay Kibbee and others. Other numbers include "Dance Until the Dawn" and "The Examination Number." These are by Dorothy Fields and James McHugh. A fourth spectacle, Lahr-Greenwood number, "The First Time for Me," is by De Sylva, Brown and Henderson, who with McGowan wrote the original stage success.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris.....	96.13/16	96 1/2
Geneva.....	19.50	19.50
Berlin.....	100	100
Oslo.....	109 1/2	109 1/2
Helsingfors.....	215	215
Athens.....	300	300
Buenos Aires.....	36 1/2	36 1/2
Shanghai.....	1/8.1/16	1/8.1/16
New York.....	3.80	3.80
Amsterdam.....	9.37 1/2	9.37 1/2
Vienna.....	32	32
Madrid.....	50	50
Bucharest.....	637 1/2	637 1/2
Hongkong.....	1/2	1/2
Yokohama.....	27.07 1/2	27.10
Manila.....	73 1/2	74
Stockholm.....	19.45	19.45
Copenhagen.....	18.5/16	18.5/16
Prague.....	128 1/2	128 1/2
Lisbon.....	110	109 1/2
Rio.....	4.1/16	4.3/32
Bombay.....	1/6.1/32	1/6.1/32
Yokohama.....	1/9	1/9
Montreal.....	4.20	4.20 1/2
Silver (spot).....	16.15/16	16.13/16
(forward) 17.....		10 1/2

—British Wireless.

TRAIN "HOLD UP."

BANDITS SEIZE PASSENGERS IN HONAN.

Peking, Apr. 12. It is reported from Changchow, Honan, that bandits held up the Peking-Hankow passenger train, to the north of the Lal river, and looted the train and carried off twelve passengers to be held for ransom.—Reuter.

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Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "Via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Gango	April 12
(London 24th March)		
Japan and Shanghai	Yasukuni Maru	April 14
Canada, U. S. A., Japan and Shanghai	Yasukuni Maru	April 14
(Vancouver B. C., 20th March)	Empress of Russia	April 14
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	April 15
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only), London, 17th March	Hong Hwa	April 15
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only)		
London, 17th March	Fushimi Maru	April 16
Japan and Shanghai	Asama Maru	April 16
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai (San Francisco 18th March)	Pres. Hayes	April 16
Japan	Ginyo Maru	April 17
Japan and Shanghai	Heian Maru	April 17
Calcutta & Straits	Kutsang	April 18
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 25th March)	Pres. Jackson	April 18
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru	April 21
U. S. A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 2nd April)	Pres. Taft	April 22
Japan and Shanghai	Rio de Janeiro Maru	April 22

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Lycan	Wed., Apr. 13, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kwangtung	Wed. Apr. 13, 8.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Fingal	Wed., Apr. 13, 2.34 p.m.
Samsul & Wuchow	Tai Hing	Wed., Apr. 13, 4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi	Gango	Wed., April 13, K.P.O.
Reg.,		Apr. 13, 3 p.m.
Letters		Apr. 13, 4 p.m.
Reg.,		Apr. 13, 3.45 p.m.
Letters		Apr. 13, 4.30 p.m.
(Due Brindisi, 5th May)		
Port Bayard	Sun Kong	Wed., Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
Port Bayard	Tai Poo Sek	Thurs., Apr. 14, 11.50 a.m.
Amoy	Tjisadane	Thurs., Apr. 14, 1.30 p.m.
Holhow and Bangkok	Kwolyang	Thurs., Apr. 14, 1.30 p.m.
*Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hal Ning	Thurs., Apr. 14, 2 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Apr. 14, 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	Talamba	Thurs., April 14, 4 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Thurs., Apr. 14, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi	Yasukuni Maru	Fri., Apr. 15, K.P.O.
Reg.,		Apr. 15, 10 a.m.
Letters		Apr. 15, 1 p.m.
Reg.,		Apr. 15, 12.45 p.m.
Letters		Apr. 15, 1.30 p.m.
(Due Brindisi, 11th May)		
Swatow and Bangkok	Muinan	Fri., Apr. 15, 1 p.m.
Amoy	Tsinan	Fri., Apr. 15, 1 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U. S. A., Central and S. America and *Europe via Victoria B. C.	Pres. Cleveland	Fri., April 15, 3 p.m.
Reg.,		Apr. 15, 4.15 p.m.
Letters		Apr. 15, 5 p.m.
(Due Victoria B. C. 8th May)		
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Cleveland	Fri., April 15, 3 p.m.
Reg.,		Apr. 15, 4.15 p.m.
Letters		Apr. 15, 5 p.m.
Haliphong	Canton	Sat., Apr. 16, 2.20 p.m.
Japan	Fushimi Maru	Sat., Apr. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Hayes	Sat., Apr. 16, 5 p.m.
Manila	Asama Maru	Sun., Apr. 17, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hozan Maru	Sun., Apr. 17, 9 a.m.
*Swatow, *Amoy and Foochow	Kwolyang	Sun., Apr. 17, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	Sun., Apr. 17, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Kutsang	Mon., Apr. 18, 5 p.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island

Change

Parcels

Registration

Letters

(Due Thursday Island 8th April)

Japan and *South American ports

Ginyo Maru

Tues., Apr. 19, 10 a.m.

Swatow

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Wed., Apr. 20, 8.30 a.m.

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TO-DAY'S RECIPES.

Orange Gravy.

Pigeons, game, and wild fowl are delicious served with this sauce instead of gravy. Simmer over the fire half a pint of stock, one small onion (chopped), the grated rind of half a lemon, pepper, salt, and two bay leaves. In ten or fifteen minutes draw the pan aside and add the juice of the whole orange and a glass of port wine, if desired.

Before serving strain and reheat.

Orange Snowballs.

Here is a dish that the kiddies love. Boil half a pound of rice for about ten minutes. While it is draining peel four large oranges and scrape them free from pith. Divide the rice into four portions and spread each on a dampening cloth, roll an orange in each and tie the cloth round. Boil the snowballs for an hour and a half, then turn carefully on to a dish and sprinkle with sugar.

Orange Loaves.

For the sweet the orange must be preserved beforehand, but it is quite simple and makes a useful sweet to fall back upon in time of emergency.

Cut the fruit in halves and squeeze the juice (this can be used up separately) and scrape the peels free from pith. Boil them until the bitterness is extracted, then lay them in syrup for two days. On the third day strain the liquor off and boil it to a nice consistency. Replace the peels and bottle for use.

When required take out a sufficient number for a dish and fill each peel with a good pudding mixture or custard, and bake.

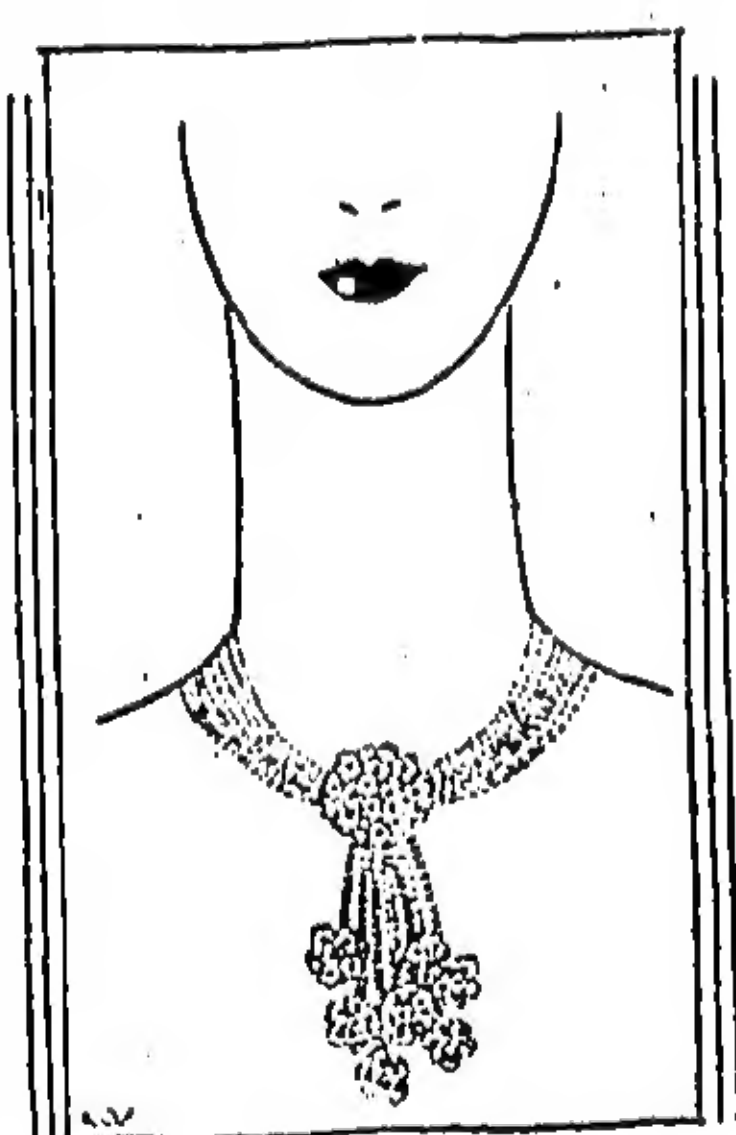
Orange à la Russe.

A dainty cold sweet is always useful. For this one make a syrup of six ounces of sugar and half a pint of water. Boil for five minutes, then add four large oranges, peeled, quartered, and with the pips removed. Boil a further five minutes, drain the orange quarters and dissolve half an ounce of gelatine in the syrup.

Arrange the quarters round a ring mould and fill it up with the liquor.

When set turn out the jelly ring and fill the middle with whipped cream or jelly à la Russe. To prepare this make half a pint of jelly in a different colour from the mould, and when cold, but not set, whisk it on until it is spongy and very light.

Latest Necklace.



Strands of tiny silver beads and clusters of coral forget-me-nots fashion a new French necklace.

TWO OF THE LATEST SPORTS OUTFITS.



Sun yellow and white rayon crepe fashion the sports outfit at the left, of sleeveless dress and flaring short jacket with seven eighth sleeves. The frock has an unusual cut, with half the shoulder yoke yellow. The jacket is all-yellow, with white on its cuffs and shoulder bow. The all-white rayon crepe costume at right is a short-sleeved dress with round neckline and front bow, topped by a little jacket with full sleeves.

NEW HATS.

(By a London Correspondent).

It would seem that much creative genius has gone to the making of the new and exciting millinery.

Trimings are to be more attractive, more varied, and more original than ever before; in fact, the actual foundation may be exquisitely simple in character, but the designer has spared no effort to make the feathery oddments, braid bands of multi-colours, petersham cockades and flowers as artistic as possible.

Perhaps I should say, especially flowers, because ribbon flowers are being used, and tulip flowers, and velvet ones, all soft and floppy, as well as large varnished camellias which are stiff and elegant and in harmony with chip straws and the tailleur.

Just as neat and sophisticated is a cap in which bands of straw alternate with silk net. Straw is also seen with striped silk, and plaid effects are popular in hats of two materials; sometimes the straw is patterned or the material shows lines contrasting vividly.

Lace Motifs.

We are also to expect a vogue for lace on hats. It is difficult to predict how great will be the popularity of such a mode, but the examples I have seen are very attractive.

A fine, black straw, lifted on the left side and dipping—not too

perilously—on the other, shows motifs of eera lace set into the down-tipped brim. Wool lace is more unusual. This, again, is used as motifs, or a strip—blue on black, red on white—underlines the narrow brim just where it is turned up. The new crochet collars are likely to become great favourites if the mode continues.

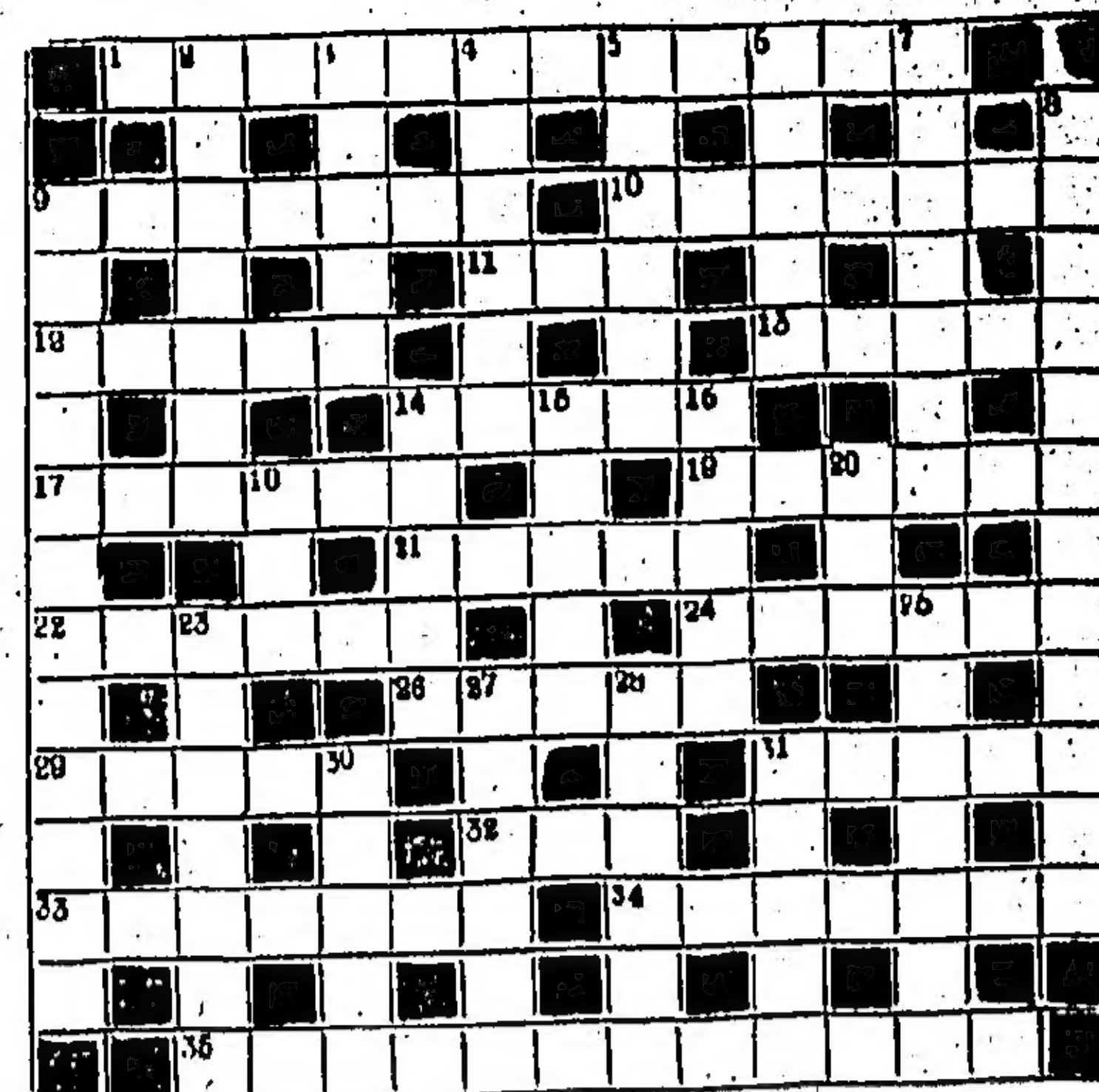
Double brims are seen on small hats of very fine, pliable straw, and a model from an important collection has a straight-brim of the sailor-hat type. In the crown the straw is patterned, and two flat, bright flowers in cloth complete a shape intended as a frame for a youthful face. Loops of cloth go on other hats, and on the shiniest straws are small quills, gold-tinted, or little clusters of fruit.

The Tricorne Again.

The tricorne style persists. This has the correct military appearance to coincide with so many of the new clothes. Coarse shiny straws are well adapted to this austere shape. Green tricorues seem the most popular of all, and this is almost the only shape on which flowers are rarely seen. Instead, materials in loops, petersham ribbon bows, and white appliques help the milliner on her busy way of trimming the tricorne without spoiling its shape.

Something very much like last season's horsetail is shaped from strips of deer skin, boldly stitched with white threads, or bright red or green, with gloves stitched in the same way. Of course, the new berets leave one side of the head exposed; they won't fit properly if tipped to the back of the head.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 Tree burst car (anag.).
- 9 "Moby to mean yes an' say no Comes — to women" (Lowell, "The Courtin'").
- 10 Private entrance made when the office is taken into the back part of the ship.
- 11 Soda in water, for instance.
- 12 Sent a telegram that finished a Bolshevik.
- 13 Lends a grinding life.
- 14 Indulge in a little well deserved repose after your century, as it is top.
- 17 Trial by this was abolished in 1218.
- 18 London suburb.
- 21 A shopkeeper who has lost all aspiration might still be useful for basket making.
- 22 Large Hindustani antelope.
- 24 Chinese boat frequently used as a residence.
- 26 Give them a little more for this subject.
- 29 Less than little, as in this.
- 31 There's a car at the corner: better secure it (hidden).
- 32 One of the Tribes of Israel.
- 33 Touching, but not to the point of tears.
- 34 The scene of many a pilgrimage in France.
- 35 Dull out again.

Down

- 2 You may take a high tone to begin with, but to be changed is the right thing.
- 3 Thoroughly red up—or in bed.
- 4 This skate is not edible.
- 5 Poster (anag.).

- 6 Stage favourite (surname).
- 7 "Do good by — and blush to find it done" (Pope, "Epilogue to the Satires").
- 8 He who turns King's Evidence does.
- 9 North American country.
- 14 Painful on the head, but useful for resting from June onwards.
- 15 Cat off.
- 16 Irish to a certain extent, but short and to the point.
- 18 Put a bar round it for the mendicant.
- 20 The rug is upside down.
- 23 Famous swimmer.
- 25 After all, the sweet little thing and her dowry are rather green.
- 27 Scottish dish.
- 28 All right when rotten.
- 30 Ten is one of this one.
- 31 Under the crust.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1932.

CROWN COLONY
PREFERENCES.

Contrary to earlier indications,
it would appear that the Straits
Settlements, like the Federated
Malay States, intend embarking on
a policy of Imperial Preference.
The idea took concrete form at a
meeting of the Legislative Council last
week, when resolutions were
brought forward approving the im-
position of duties giving a pre-
ference to certain classes of im-
ported goods made in Great Brit-
ain, Ireland, the British Domi-
nions or any Malay State under
British protection. The plan is
the outcome of telegrams from the
Secretary of State announcing the
intention of the Imperial Govern-
ment to inaugurate a policy of
granting preference to products of
British Colonies and Dependencies,
and expressing the hope that those
Colonies and Dependencies whose
tariffs do not at present provide
for preferential tariffs would re-
view the position with a view to
reciprocation of the policy of the
Mother Country.

When we come to look into the
matter, however, we find that the
proposed preferences amount to
very little indeed; they were de-
scribed by the Government spokes-
man as "a gesture of goodwill,"
and it is not intended that they
should be regarded as revenue
measures. The object, it was ex-
plained, is to provide an effective
preference as the short tariff of
the Colony permits. The plan is
not a prelude to the introduction
of a wider tariff, with preference
for British goods, as only such
articles as are at present liable to
duties are affected. The policy of
the Government always has been,
and still is, to keep the list of
dutiable articles within the nar-
rowest limits, and no de-
parture from this line of action
which is now proposed. Even so,
there is seemingly a fear that even
in this limited form there may be
an unfavourable reaction on the
cost of living, as mention was
made by the Government spokes-
man of readjustments which might
later on be found necessary should
such a development occur. There

are, however, some hopes felt that
the new move may provide a
stimulus to local industries, but
that remains to be seen. Inciden-
tally, during the course of the
Council's discussion, one of the
Chinese members suggested that
Ireland should be excluded from
the list of countries to be granted
preferences. His Excellency,
however, smilingly replied that he
could not accept this proposal.

Relatively harmless as the pro-
posals appear to be, it is interest-
ing to note that the Council was
in no mood to give its consent
offhand. One of the Unofficial
members declared that three days'
notice of such a drastic change in
the 100 years' old policy of the
Colony was totally insufficient,
and, on his suggestion, the ques-
tion was deferred for later con-
sideration. Like Hongkong, the
Straits Settlements have a very
restricted list of dutiable articles,
and all the duties are imposed for
purely revenue purposes. It will
thus be seen that the proposed pre-
ferences are in reality of small im-
portance. They may to some ex-
tent affect revenue; in any case,
they will complicate the situation.
In all the circumstances, however,
desirable it may be to stimulate
British trade, the innovation scarce-
ly seems worth while. No ques-
tion of Hongkong joining in the
movement has yet been brought
forward, and it is difficult to see
what advantage either this Colony
or the Imperial Government would
derive from a departure from
established custom. Hongkong's
best asset is, without question, its
free-port status.

Virtues in Slang.

The Times, writing in praise of
Melba's voice, recently caused its
readers a mild degree of perturba-
tion by remarking, "There was
more to Melba than that." This
was not the first occasion in recent
years on which the most august of
the London dailies has admitted a
slang word or phrase into its
columns, showing how greatly the
standards of correct speech have
become relaxed since the days
when Dr. Johnson described
"clever" as a "low" word, and
"stingy" as "low cant." It is, on
the whole, a satisfactory thing
that the English language should
from time to time replenish and
revivify itself by drawing on the
treasures of popular and unlearned
speech, of which slang forms
an inconsiderable portion. In
this way a language is saved from
becoming pedantic, sterile, and
overformal. In this way, too, fine
and valuable words are preserved
in common usage which otherwise
would be lost. In the eighteenth
century, for example, the term
"ear" was comparatively rarely
employed, and seemed in danger
of vanishing from the language.
It would no doubt have done so,
had it not survived in the popular
speech of Scotland, Ireland, and
Devon. It was entirely owing to
the locations of unlearned
countrymen that this term was
preserved in English, and thus
kept ready for the day when the
invention of mechanical transport
made it universal and indispen-
sable. Popular speech not only
preserves the resources of a lan-
guage, but adds to them. The
slang of a year ago either is for-
gotten or is the standard English
of to-day. Such useful words as
mag, pet, fad, and fun were once
only slang expressions. And four
slang words, lunch, snob, coke,
and tram, have proved their worth
so triumphantly that they have
gained a place not only in reput-
able English, but in foreign lan-
guages as well. Let us therefore
beware of despising slang merely
as the language of those unable to
speak standard English. Empha-
tically, there is more to slang than
that.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close
of the sugar market yesterday has
been received by Messrs. Pen-
treath and Co.

London. Terminals.

August 1932 4/4½ down ¼d.
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DAY BY DAY

"WHAT IS" COUNTS FOR VERY
LITTLE EVERY TIME YOU REFLECT
THAT "WHAT IS" REPRESENTS THE
CAUSE OF "WHAT SHALL BE."
Fanche.

Mr. J. Kelleher arrived by the
Change yesterday to join the staff of
the South China Morning Post.

The Hon. Treasurer of the S. P. C.
A. acknowledges with thanks a dona-
tion of \$10 from Mr. R. A. D. Forrest
in memory of the late Mr. M. Manuk.

Amongst the passengers who left
by the Blue Funnel liner Patroclus to-
day were Mr. and Mrs. H. Owen
Hughes, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. L.
Guy, Mr. J. Thayer, Mr. B. E. Fielder
and Mr. J. B. Lanyon.

Admitting a charge of having failed
to stop when called upon to do so
by a police officer, a boatman was
fined \$20 or two weeks' imprisonment
by the Hon. Comdr. Hole, at the Ma-
rine Court this morning.

The lecture by the Rev. Errie C. H.
Tribbeck on Isen's Peer Gynt, which
was to have been given in the Sailors'
and Soldiers' Home this evening, at
8.30 p.m., has been postponed on
account of the prevailing epidemic.

Mr. P. C. Barrand will deliver a
paper on "The Ljungstrom Steam
Turbine" in the premises of the In-
stitution of Engineers & Shipbuilders
of Hongkong, on Thursday, April 14,
at 6.30 p.m. The lecture will be illus-
trated by lantern slides.

Charged before the Hon. Comdr.
Hole, at the Marine Court this morn-
ing, with having used his boat for
the purpose of conveying prostitutes
within the limits of the harbour, a
boatman was convicted and fined \$50,
or six weeks' imprisonment.

Mr. T. G. Stokes, of the Kowloon
Canton Railway, reported to the po-
lice yesterday that, whilst driving his
motor car at the Star Ferry Wharf,
Kowloon at 10.30 a.m., an eight-year-
old Chinese girl ran out from under
the shelter of the wharf and was
knocked down, receiving injuries to
her face.

Those who have not yet seen "Palmy
Days," now showing at the King's
Theatre, should make a point of doing
so before the attraction concludes its
run. This bright and snappy film,
produced on lavish lines, is running
until Saturday. It is extremely good
entertainment, showing Eddie Can-
dian at his best, and provides cinema-
goers with a picture distinctly above
the average run.

At the annual meeting of the St.
Andrew's Branch of the Victoria
Diocesan and Missionary Association,
to be held in St. Andrew's Church
Hall, Kowloon, at 8 p.m. to-morrow
(Thursday), Dr. M. O. Pfister is giving
a lecture, illustrated by lantern views,
on a trip through Yunnan to the
Sacred Mountain of Omi. There is no
charge for admission and the meeting
is open to any who wish to come.
There will be a retiring collection in
aid of the funds of the V.D.M.A.

At yesterday's meeting of the
Sanitary Board, Mr. G. R. Sayer
(Chairman) declared that he regret-
ted the loss of the services of Mr. M.
N. Chan, but congratulated Mr. M.
K. Lo on his appointment to Mr.
Chan's position. Those present at
the Board meeting were Mr. Sayer,
Hon. Mr. Harold T. Creasy (Vice-
Chairman), Dr. G. W. Pope, Mr. M.
K. Lo, Mr. P. C. Hall, Dr. R. A. de
Castro Basto, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy
and Mr. J. H. Gelling (Secretary).



"That's the beauty of a sea voyage on this line. You never
know you're on a ship."

SIR MAX PEMBERTON on

NASTY NOVELS.

PRINCE GEORGE has been
talking to the Book Trade
Provident Society about the novel,
and all who seek what is best in
fiction are his debtors for the
words.

Incidentally, the Prince made
some admissions. He told us that
he reads dozens of novels, "many
of which should have been operat-
ing upon for gangrene at a point
approximately two-thirds of the
way through."

Absolute Licence.

The misfortune of these words
is that they are wholly true.
Nothing, I am convinced, has so
astonished the average citizen as
the absolute licence permitted to
the novelist during the last decade.
While the theatre may still be
visited by the police for an inde-
cency; while American film pro-
ducers dance a fandango in the
outer halls of adultery, the novel-
ist boldly takes the plunge and
defies all authority.

"Prosecute me," he says in
effect, "and you will make my for-
tune. Stop my book because it
deals with unnatural offences, and
the bookshops of the Continent
will rejoice. Indeed, they will
offer the volume beneath the
flaming placard, 'Banned in Eng-
land.'"

Raking the Ashes.

So the garbage is cultivated
with impunity. Long-haired peo-
ple with vanishing voices tell us
that is art. Begoggled maidens of
ripe age and weight protest that
we must write of "life as it is."
The mirror among these sects is
not held up to Nature; it is held
down. The ashes of the nether
hell are turned with lantern and
with muck-rake, and everywhere
there is the reeking odour that
revolts.

Let it be said that nobody would
seek to re-establish the sickly
hypocrisy of the Victorian Age, nor
to revive the Richardson-Fielding
controversy of the 18th century.
Our grandfathers believed (in
fiction) that no woman lacked
virtue, and that if the Devil did
not catch the sinner in the last
chapter the book was evil. The
18th century wrangled over "Tom
Jones," and clever Lady Mary
Montagu had to inscribe her copy
"Ne Plus Ultra" before she per-
suaded her friends to read it.
Parents, nevertheless, continued to
put their copies under the bed and
parsons to denounce it. Yet
Thackeray, in his preface to "Pen-
dennis," described it as the great-
est picture of "a man" he had met
with.

If this were so in England,
France, that land of just freedom
in literature, also had her troubles.

Flaubert and Zola.

One of the world's greatest
novels, Flaubert's "Madame Bo-
vary," was violently assailed by
priests and puritans, and its mas-
terly author brought to trial at
Rouen. Great poets and thinkers
went from Paris to Normandy to
defend a genius and succeeded.
Later on there came the hubbub
about Zola's "La Terre"—a nasty
book, which sent an English trans-
lator to prison and brought forth
champions of the cesspool whom
one pities.

Perhaps that amazing aberration
of a great intellect, "La Garconne,"
really started the muck-writers
here upon their unbridled way.
They began to "try it on," and
were astonished by the liberty per-
mitted to them. Words and phrases

they would never dare to use be-
fore decent women were interjected
freely into their stories. They
sought their types in Chelsea
studios (though many a Chelsea
studio would quickly throw them to
the gutter), and the poultry yard
was a second home to them.

Of tales to tell they had none.
Of that romance "which holdeth
children from play and old men
from the chimney corner," as Sir
Philip Sidney wrote, they were
ever ignorant. "Abandon
decency all ye who enter here!"
might well have been the slogan
written on their door-posts. They
were possessed neither of shame
nor sense.

Hardy's Opinion.

The year before Thomas Hardy
died I had a long talk with him
about the English novel and its
modern tendency.

What seemed to perplex that
great writer more than anything
else was the great lack of invention
among the modern school.

"When you and I began to write,"
he said—I was properly proud of
his comprehensiveness—"we had to
find a beginning, a middle, and an
end to our stories. Nowadays, the
books I read begin in the middle
and have no end."

It was very true—and I cannot
help but wonder what Hardy would
have said could he have read some
of our latest fiction and learnt that
it had been published with im-
punity.

Sometimes I hear it urged, and
with little justice, that women are
chiefly responsible for these out-
rageous screeds. Punch, it is true,
showed us an old gentleman hand-
ling a modern novel to his wife and
saying that it was very good but
that their daughter must not read
it. "Too late," said the mother.
"she wrote it."

No Stories to Tell.

In the main, though there have
been and are unpleasant exceptions,
this class of book is the work of
men whose presenting of Art and
Art's necessities merely disgusts.
They have no stories to tell, and so
they go to the sewers. The police
rarely interfere with them, and the
booksellers tell you that they must
sell something.

How much we and they owed to
that gifted storyteller who is gone
—Edgar Wallace, the giant among
us!

WE HAVE TOO
MANY POSERS.By ST. VINCENT
TROUBRIDGE.

WE all know them, only too well
—the posers! They are the
men and women who devote a sub-
stantial portion of their brains and
energy to presenting to the world a
picture of themselves which is not
based upon reality. Once the posing
bug has bitten them, the virtues and
qualities which they do possess
count as nothing in their sight.

Men who headed the rush to pay
their taxes in advance will insist
upon being regarded as serious
rivals to Bobby Jones in spite of
their lamentable week-end perfor-
mances on the links. Women will
cast away the fame of being ideal
wives and mothers to preen them-
selves as tearing beauties in spite
of the clearest looking-glass evi-
dence to the contrary.

Those Helens of Troy.

This latter, which one may term
the Helen of Troy pose, is quite sur-
prisingly common. Because the
mysterious forces of sex-appeal can
sometimes dispense with beauty of
feature, numerous women go
through life in the profound con-
viction that their faces could launch
a thousand ships. This conviction
they maintain in the face of all
opposition, even the opposition of
Nature herself.

The sporting pose is prevalent,
too, though perhaps more difficult
to sustain than many of the others.
The continued assumption of golf-
ing prowess, for instance, is very
apt to be met by a definite chal-
lenge, while the thruster in the
club or office hunting field also runs
considerable danger of being con-
fronted with a live horse and a real
pack of hounds.

But it is in the field of music
that posing and affectations of all
kinds reach their supreme achieve-
ments. It is so dead easy. All
that is required is to half close the
eyes, assume an expression known
to the nursery as "a dyin' duck in
a thunderstorm," and the trick is
done. Add occasional exclamations
of rapture, and you will pass for a
musical connoisseur without the
necessity for displaying any other
knowledge of the difference between
the saving of kings and the popping
of veneers.

Does posing pay? How far do
the posers deceive the world at
large? How far do they deceive
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SLUM AREAS.

REBUILDING QUESTION AT SANITARY BOARD.

"Nothing would please me more than to see the disappearance of these slum areas, but if they are to exist, will it not be better for them to be with sanitary conveniences than without," declared Mr. M. K. Lo at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

The question arose following a discussion on an application for the erection of five water closets at No. 15, New Market Street and No. 8, Connaught Road West. Consideration of the application was adjourned to enable the Board to see the premises.

Mr. G. R. Sayer (President) told the Board that the Select Committee dealing with the application had unanimously recommended that the Board refuse the application. Hon. Mr. H. T. Crenay, Director of Public Works, declaring that the building was unsuitable and he did not want to perpetuate the type.

Mr. Lo said that it was really reverting to the old question of whether the Board would use its power as a lever to cause the rebuilding of old houses, a policy to which the Board had previously agreed it would not adhere. He would be inconsistent in supporting the motion unless he was assured that that was not being done in this case.

Mr. Sayer—it is not a case of using a lever; the building is simply not suitable.

Mr. F. C. Hall—I must support Mr. Lo. If a building is unfit for a water closet, it must be unfit for human habitation.

Hon. Mr. Crenay and Dr. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, declared that the premises were insufficiently ventilated.

Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto said he would like to take a look at the premises and on his request, the matter was adjourned.

FRIENDLY HOCKEY.

G. SINGH'S BRILLIANT PLAY FOR RADIO.

In a friendly hockey match on the Caroline Hill ground yesterday afternoon the Radio Sports Club beat the German Club by six goals to nil.

The Radio team were vastly superior to their opponents and through the efforts of G. Singh at centre-forward established a strong lead in the first half when they scored four times, G. Singh being responsible for three of the goals and K. Singh for the other. G. Singh again netted in the second half when A. Singh scored a sixth.

Neither team was at full strength. For the Radio G. Jack at centre-half and G. Singh were outstanding, while Muller tried hard for the German Club but always found the Radio defence too good.

LAWN TENNIS.

BODIKER AND LEUNG TO PLAY HERE.

Two of the leading Canton players, G. Bodiker, the singles champion, and Leung Tak-kwong, the runner-up, will be playing against local players on Thursday and Friday on the stand court.

Both Bodiker and Leung have defeated E. C. Fincher and M. W. Lo in the Interport contest between Hongkong and Canton, but S. A. Ramjahn has defeated them both during some of his week-end visits to Canton.

University Tennis.

The following will represent the Engineering Faculty in a University inter-faculty tennis match against the Medicine this afternoon at 4.30 p.m. at Pokfulam:

Prof. F. A. Redmond, L. A. Oppenheim, P. L. Tan, K. M. Lo, W. Fletcher and L. A. de Silva (Capt.).

TENNIS DOUBLES FINAL.

NOW INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

We are informed by the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.C.C. that the tennis doubles championship final, which had to be postponed yesterday by reason of inclement weather, and which it was hoped might have been played to-day, has now been postponed indefinitely.

The match will take place on the first available day on which the weather and court are suitable, the date to be announced later.

FRIENDLY CRICKET.

HONGKONG C.C. ELEVEN AGAINST KOWLOON.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Kowloon Cricket Club at 2 p.m. at the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday:

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WE HAVE TOO MANY POSERS.

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themselves? Have they found one of the secret roads to happiness?

When the Trouble Begins.

There is no question that we all of us require some sort of armour against the blows of life. This armour generally contains an element of make-believe, but it is our true friend under the accepted name of self-confidence.

Our hearts are, in fact, reasonably stout and brave, so nobody, ourselves included, is a penny the worse for our day-dream moments as they bear some relationship, however remote, to the facts and possibilities of our lives.

With the posers, however, this safeguard is removed. They begin with the perhaps natural desire to impress others. This proves surprisingly easy.

Flushed with this success, the posers pass imperceptibly from deceiving others to deceiving themselves—and this is their downfall. Posers are never popular figures because your true posers believe so profoundly in their own baseness and abnormality. They are suffering from a mild form of dementia and their normal bellows feel instinctively repelled.

However tiresome they may be, there is still something pathetic in these folk who fight so desperately in defence of the phantasms of their imagination. They are akin to the famous comedians with secret yearnings to appear as Hamlet. They are also of our kin, for in all our day-dreams be the seeds of posings. So when their airs and affectations prove most maddening, we should return them the soft answer and murmur to ourselves: "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

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THESE BULLION BROKERS.

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If no better, than any of your- selves, and that it is unfair to put them in the same category as car- bandits or racketeers.

Their Calling.

Now what is this calling of theirs, which seems such a mys- tery to the general public? They are termed Bull and Bullion Bro- kers, but in reality they only see a bill once in a blue moon, and if you were to ask any of them to quote for bullion they would think you mad. It is the broker's busi- ness to find out each morning what the state of the exchange market is, and inform his merchant and banker clients. Thereafter he is supposed to know everything, from the drawing rate on Damascus to the course of the latest typhoon.

But what worries and anxieties are concealed by that phrase "finding out what the market is"? In an ideal market, every banker would say frankly, "I know what information you require" and then proceed to quote you his rates for various currencies and different gold values—rates which would be firm and unalterable for at least five minutes. You would only have to say "Thank you."

There was an actual case where a banker in a place where rates were very stationary, used to sit back with his feet up, smoking a cigar and reading his correspond- ence. When the brokers came in they found his buying rate chalked on the sole of his right foot and his selling rate on the left. When he wasn't a buyer he dropped his right foot or crossed his legs, leav- ing only the selling rate visible.— (Laughter). And vice versa if he wasn't a seller. But that was quite exceptional.

Finding Out the Rates.

In reality, you call on a banker knowing full well that you have got to use every form of artifice and subtlety to find out even a fraction of what he wants to do; you have got to try and pierce the sphinx-like mask of his poker face and hope that by some cunningly- contrived question you will suc- ceed in catching him unawares and forcing him to admit that he is rather a buyer than a seller. By great good fortune, you may get one of them to say that he will actually buy or sell at a certain rate, but if he has so far commit- ted himself he will probably qual- ify it at once by saying "pro- vided the market doesn't get stronger or weaker" or "it depends on what turns up."

After calling on a dozen or so bankers and putting them through the third degree, you are still com- pletely hazy as to the actual market, and when definitely asked what it is, you answer non-com- mitally that it "ought to be so- and-so." That is why you see so many exchange brokers at a quar- ter to ten in the morning halting one another in rickshaws and beg- ging their competitors to tell them what the market is. Being very frank individuals, we promptly give our competitors what little in- formation we have acquired—with suitable reservations—and carry on, feeling that we have done our good deed for the day.

Reluctance Of Bankers.

Most of the bankers are reluc- tant to tell you anything until they have found out what you are try- ing to do, and they only make their wants known when they think you are going to be of some use to them. It is, therefore, most un- wise to be put off by a banker's statement that he is doing nothing. No banker ever does nothing. There are a thousand and one things he wants to do. But he won't tell you. That is the humil- iation of the position.

Take my friend here, Mr. Kan Tong-po. When you ask him some- thing he shakes his head solemnly and says "Very slack! Very slack!" Whether he is re- ferring to business or to the broker is not at all clear.—(Laugh- ter). You press him again and he says "See what happens." What he wants to do will be revealed in due course—and then probably to one of your competitors. But you have got to keep on pegging away. He may suddenly like your face and give you an order.

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How does any fall in prices take place? It is a question of supply and demand. Usually in Hongkong there is neither supply nor demand, though occasionally someone buys £10 to send home to his wife.—(Laughter). But theoret- ically, it works out like this— and I am speaking of the inter- bank market, which enables us to get such wonderful rates for our merchants:—

A broker finds about six banks trying to buy sterling at 1/4 1/6 and only one selling at 1/4. He says to one of the buyers "You haven't an earthly chance of getting 1/18. There's only one seller at 1/4. Grab it while you can." So the rate of 1/4 is done. The other buyers hear about it and some say that they will buy at that rate too—so the market has become 1/16. The lucky broker who put through the transaction has earned his brokerage, but he must be prepared to spend the rest of the day getting his pants kicked by the five disappointed buyers for not using his persuasion with them.

Practical Difficulties.

In practice, however, the market does not always stand still while a broker makes his rounds, weighs up buyers and sellers, and then puts through a transaction. When he approaches the solitary seller, he usually finds that the man has gone off selling. Even if he thinks he can rely on two or three sellers at 1/4, he may still be unable to connect business. Of course when he first gets an order to buy at a feasible rate, he will scurry from the manager's room in a state of high elation. It is in frenzied mo- ments such as this that you have seen these fellows take a flying leap on to the pavement, jump in to a moving rickshaw, and dash, among the traffic, looking like Ben Hur in a chariot race.

Entering the sanctum of the first seller he says "I can buy £5,000 at 1/4." But the banker re- grets that he no longer has any money. For all you know, he may have been quoting merely for fun. Undaunted, the broker rushes to the next seller and is told the same thing. He probably says to himself "Something wrong with my methods. I look too excited. I'm frightening them off." So he slows down and saunters into the office of the remaining

seller, hoping to conceal his inward excitement. This time he doesn't shout "I can buy £5,000." He en- quires cautiously, "Are you selling at 1/4?" Then when the banker says "Yes," he can seize a contract form and fill in his order. But the man doesn't say "Yes." He says "Shanghai's gone easier. I'm buy- ing now."—(Laughter).

So great is my sympathy for that broker, as I think of his bitter anguish and disappointment. Most galling of all is the fact that he must confess to his buyer that he has failed. Possibly, while he was sprinting, the business was done by another broker who used the telephone. But sometimes the market can rise or fall 1/8d. or more without any transactions be- ing put through.

Discreet Enquiries.

To keep pace with the rates you have also got to try and find out what your competitors are doing in the interbank market. But though you see signs of activity right and left, you may not know in the least what it is all about. It may not be interbank business at all. A man can get just as hot and bothered over buying a draft for fifty pesos.

You therefore set out like a sleuth-hound to gain the desired knowledge. Some bankers just sit with their contracts before them, turned upside down, and defy your efforts at thought reading, with a bland smile on their faces. You won't get much help from those quarters. But some will reveal a transaction in confidence: some will talk quite naturally about what they have done; while others—a very small minority—will blurt it from the house top. In the lat- ter case a purchase of £10,000 be- comes £30,000 in no time, by the mere process of rumour-monger- ing, and an hour later it will be reported that they have bought up the whole market.

Help From Brokers.

On the whole, however, you will not glean as much as you would wish, in the course of this de- tective work; and the next step is to tackle your broker competitors, in the hope that one of them will be in an expansive or boast- ful mood. The offer of a cigarette, or the gift of a piece of chocolate, (laughter) will some- times work the oracle. Under the spell of your friendliness, the other fellow may confess to you that he has just done a quarter of a lac of yen or a wad of rupees. One of my friends can always be won over by telling him the latest

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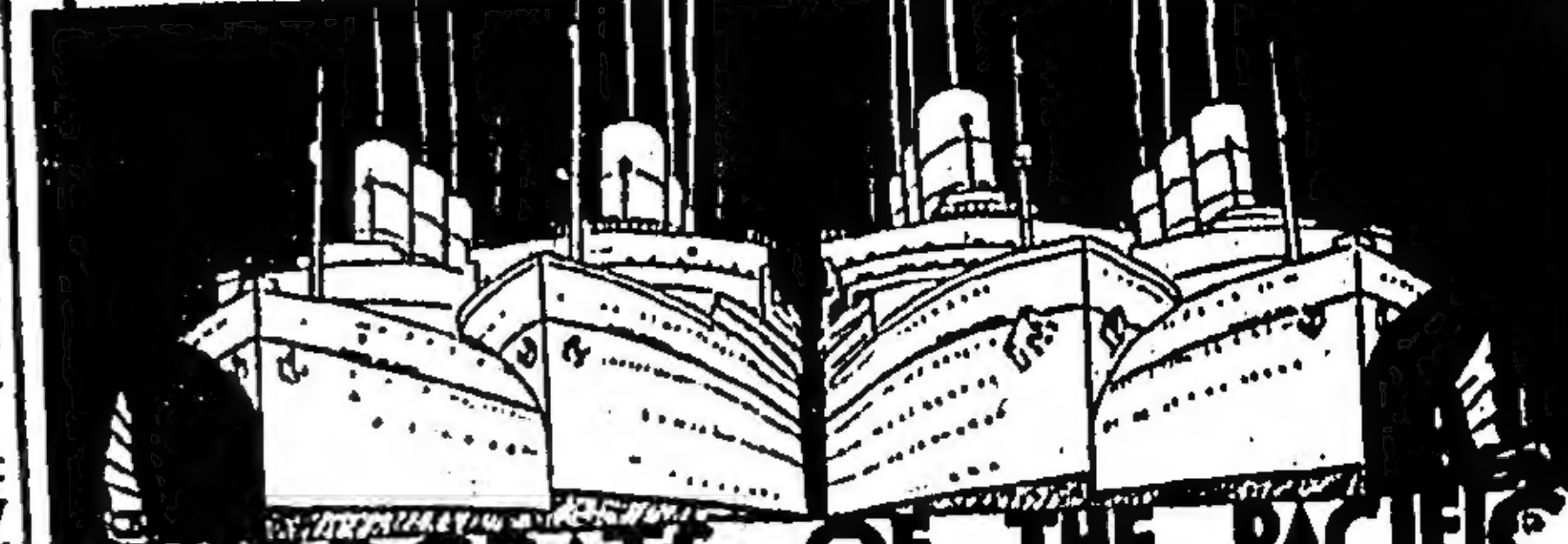
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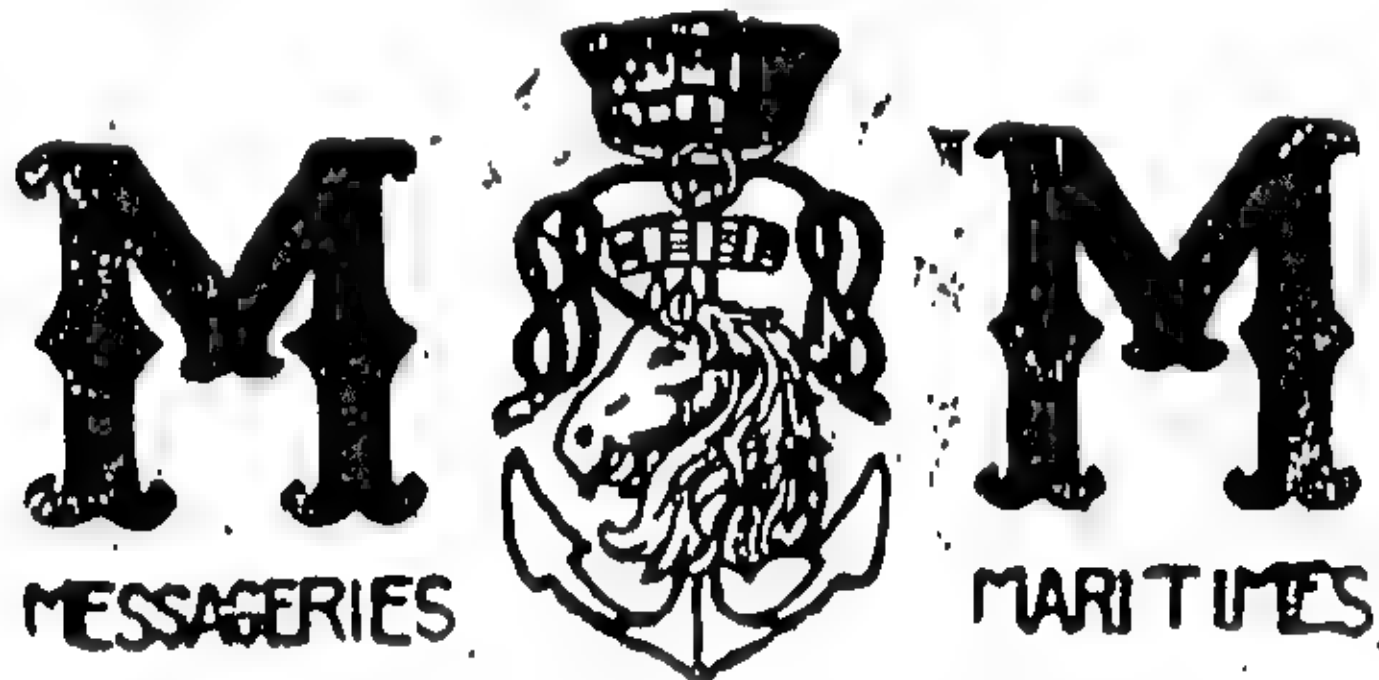
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after-dinner joke. When he has
finished laughing, he is in such a
good mood that he will tell you
all he knows. Unfortunately it
never amounts to very much.
(Laughter).

Frustrated Hopes.

Well, gentlemen, I could go on
indefinitely but I shall be getting
the bankers on my track. How-
ever, I hope that I have said
enough to show that, like all of
you, we have our worries, and that
life with us is not one long rick-
shaw ride. Next time you hear a
shouting in the street and are
nearly knocked over by a bullion
broker's coolies, do not vent your
anger on him, even if he looks as
though he owned the President
Hoover. Think rather of his frus-
trated hopes and agony of mind,
and remember that underneath
that pretty buttonhole his heart
may be as heavy as the silver
market.

I do not suppose I shall address
you again on this subject for the
next fifteen or twenty years, but if
I have dwelt to-day on the draw-
backs of our profession, you may
rest assured that next time I shall
strike a more optimistic note. I
shall be just thinking of retiring,
and must get someone to buy my
seat!—(Laughter and applause).

A Banker's View.

The speaker was fittingly thank-
ed by Mr. Li Tse-fong, of the Bank
of East Asia, who found a few
things to say about bullion brok-
ers. In the course of a brief but
laughable address, Mr. Li remark-
ed: As a bank manager I have to
spend a lot of my time in interview-
ing brokers every morning, and
many bankers consider that these
interviews are a sheer waste of
time.—(Laughter). I, myself, con-
sider that, sometimes, they are
rather useful, if not helpful, be-
cause when business is slack their
coming in and going out all the
time gives the appearance of great
activity (laughter) and when busi-
ness is brisk their views on music,
pianos (laughter), racing and golf
gives me great relief in the mor-
ning's routine work which has to be
done as quickly as possible.

He continued: In my opinion,
the lot of the broker is not at all an
unhappy one, and if Mr. Bow-
smith is thinking of selling his seat
I can give him an offer.—(Ap-
plause). Subject to satisfactory
arrangements, I am perfectly will-
ing to change positions whenever
he wishes it.—(Laughter and ap-
plause).

Magnificent Hospitality.

The Chairman: Before closing
the meeting I would ask you to
join with me in thanking the Dollar
Steamship Company for their
magnificent hospitality.—(Ap-
plause).

I also wish to thank the passen-
gers who are non-Rotarians, on this
ship, for having borne with us to-
day. I didn't notice any raspber-
ries coming towards the speaker
but, as he said, there are no ban-
anas, though I believe there were
some in the fruit cellars.—(Laugh-
ter).

The Secretary was instructed to
write a letter of thanks to the
Company and the Captain.

The Next Meeting.

In closing the meeting, the
Chairman reminded members that
next Tuesday's meeting would be
held as usual, in Messrs. Lane
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Goods not cleared within 7 days
including date of arrival, will be
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All claims must be sent to the
undersigned before the Thursday, the
21st April, 1932, or they will not be
recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in
the Godowns for examination by the
consignees, and the Company's
Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and
Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, the
18th April, 1932. Consignees must
have a Revenue Officer in attendance
when damaged dutiable goods are
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veyors.

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obtained.

No claims will be admitted after
the Goods have left the Godowns,
and all Goods remaining undelivered
after the 14th April, 1932, will be
subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed or before the 28th April, 1932, or
they will not be recognized.

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*BANGALORE	6,500	30th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
RANCHI	17,000	5th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
TILAWA	10,000	5th May.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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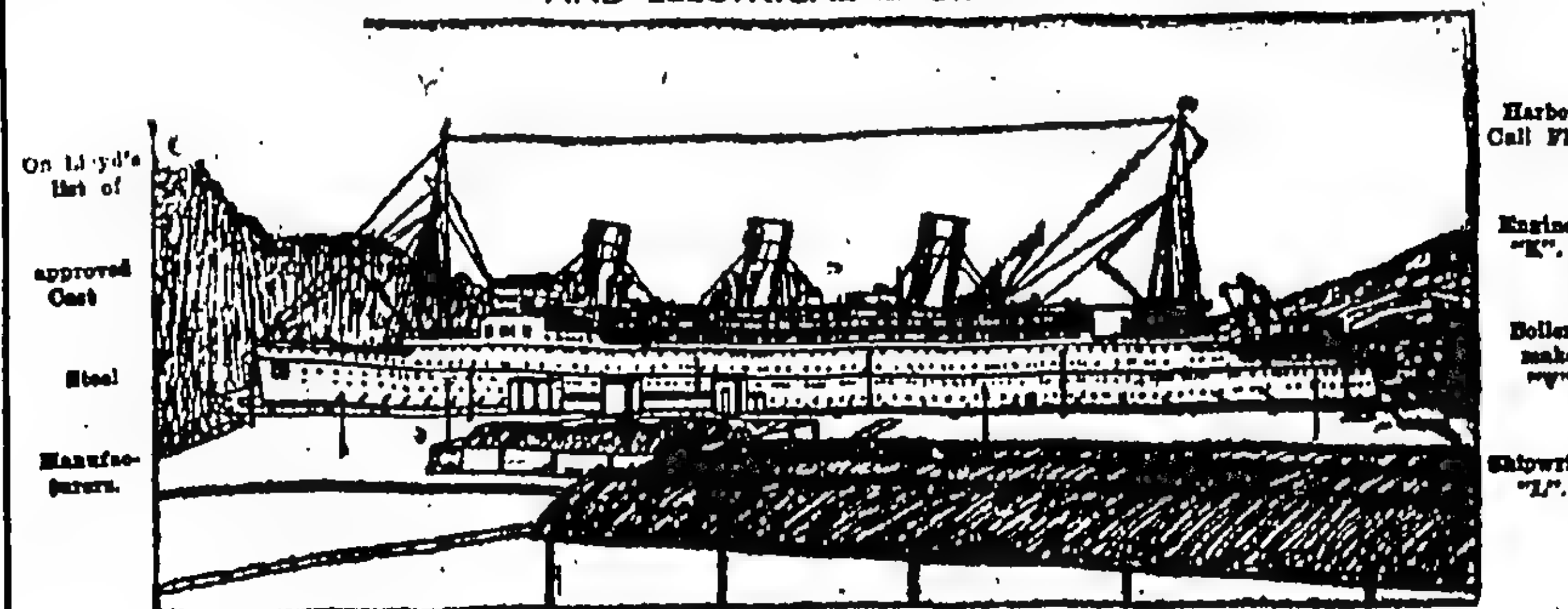
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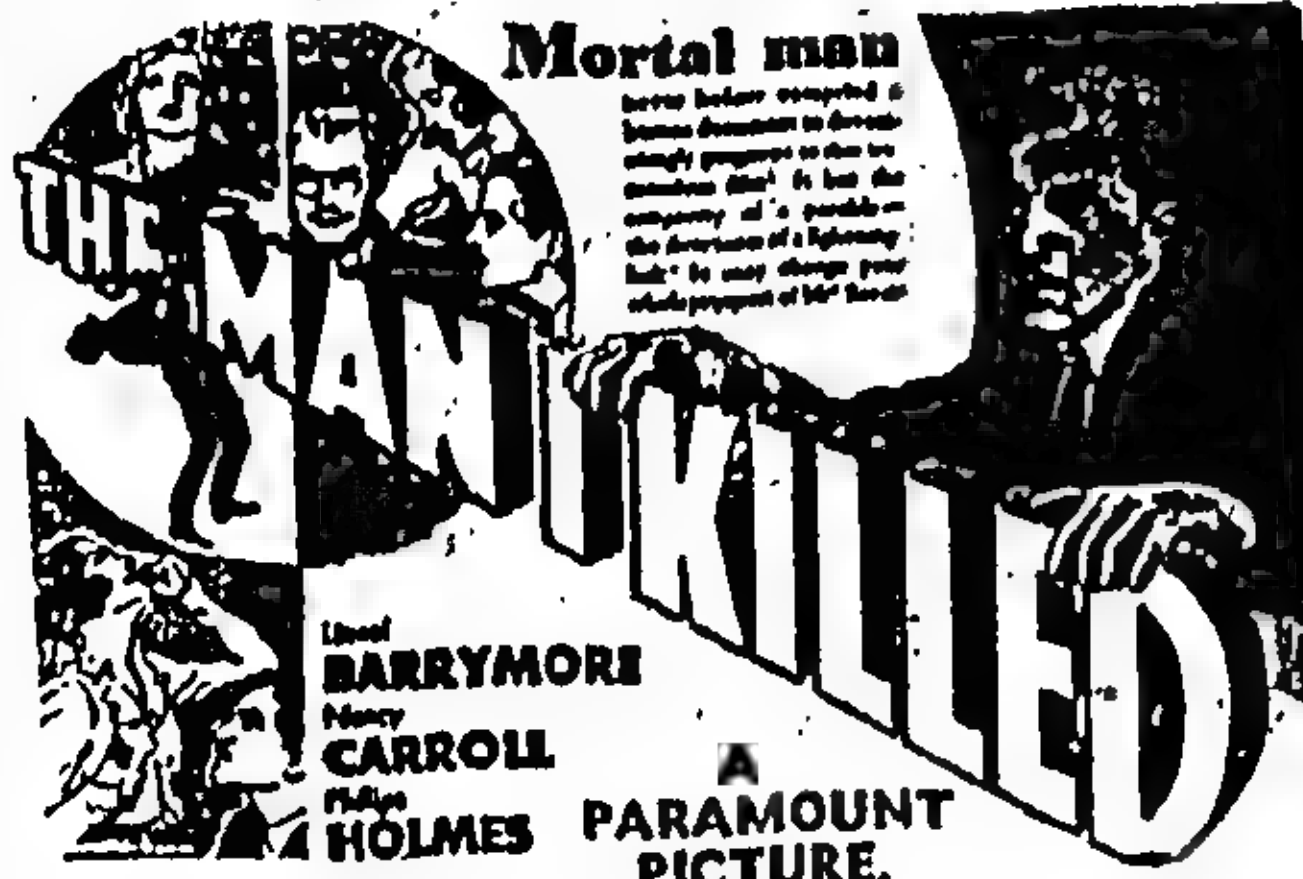
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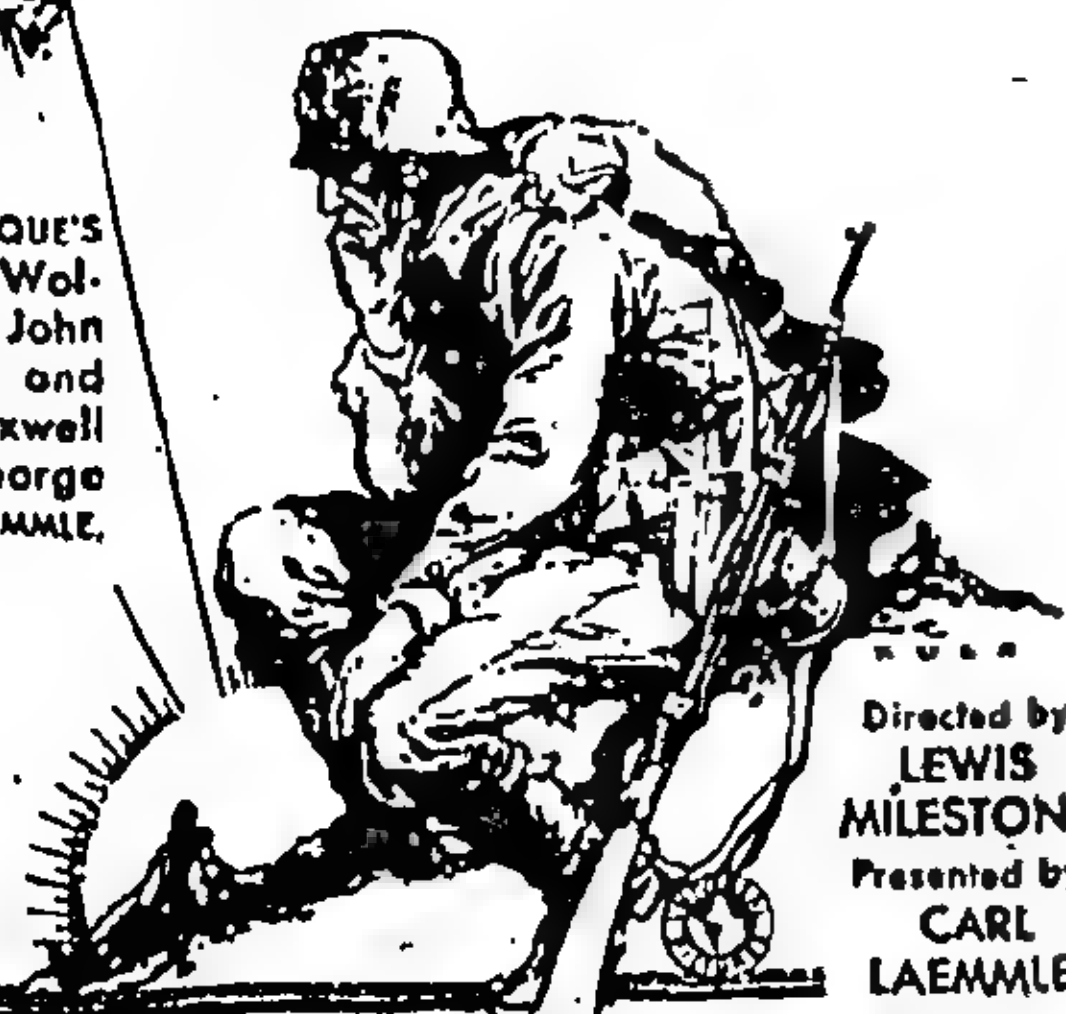
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JAPAN'S ATTITUDE NOW DEFINED.

Tokyo, Apr. 12.
Japan is unable to ask Man-
chukuo, the new State in Man-
churia, to reverse its decision to
refuse Dr. Wellington Koo's ad-
mission into Manchuria with the
League Commission, but as Japan
has temporarily undertaken to
see that peace and order are pre-
served in Manchuria, the Japan-
ese Government has decided to
tell the Commission that Japan
will do everything possible to pro-
vide for Dr. Wellington Koo's
entry if he accompanies the Com-
mission.

A spokesman of the Govern-
ment in announcing this decision
emphasized that it is in Japan's
interest to enable the Commission
to study conditions on the spot,
and as neither the League nor
Japan has yet recognized the new
Manchurian State, there is no
question of disregarding Man-
chukuo's sovereignty if Japan in
this way conveys at Dr. Well-
ington Koo's entry into Manchuria.
—Reuter.

Ban on Cereal Export.

Peking, Apr. 12.
The Manchukuo is reported to
have prohibited the export of
cereals into China proper, and to
have instructed the Peking-Muk-
den Railway not to carry such
produce destined for places in
China.—Reuter.

Ma Chan-shan Flees.

Peking, Apr. 12.
Chinese reports published here
allege that Gen. Ma Chan-shan,
the famous hero of the Nonni
River fighting, has fled from
Changchun, where he was recent-
ly appointed Minister for War, and
is en route to Russia via Tabeiho.
It is reported that most of Gen.
Ma's troops have turned against
the new regime.—Reuter.

A CAUSE CELEBRE.

A SPIRITUALIST SUES "DAILY MAIL."

London, Apr. 12.
A spiritualist cause celebre in
which Mrs. Meurig Morris is
suing the Daily Mail, which chal-
lenged the genuineness of her
alleged powers, is attracting
enormous interest now that the
case of the Rector of Stiffkey, the
Rev. Davidson, is temporarily
halted.

Lady Conan Doyle, the widow
of the famous novelist, and like
him a prominent spiritualist, ex-
pressed unqualified belief in Mrs.
Morris's trance mediumship.

From the witness box in the
High Court today she declared
that the "guides" of herself and
her husband foretold many dis-
tant events, notably two years ago
when they predicted the present
Sino-Japanese trouble.

MENINGITIS IN HONGKONG.

MR. LO'S QUESTIONS AT SANITARY BOARD.

The percentage of deaths in the
cases of meningitis reported in
Hongkong is not abnormally high,
declared the Medical Officer of
Health, Dr. G. W. Pope, in answer-
ing questions asked by Mr. M. K.
Lo at yesterday's meeting of the
Sanitary Board.

In addition to several questions
asked pursuant to notice, Mr. Lo
asked further questions regarding
other aspects of meningitis.

Mr. Lo's questions, and the
answers by Dr. Pope were:
"In view of the prevalence of
cerebral-spinal meningitis cases in
the Colony, will the Head of the
Sanitary Department obtain the
necessary information and inform
the Board as to:—

"What is the total number of
cases reported up to and including
Monday, April 11?"

Answer.—Sixty-three.

"What is the incubation period
and what are the characteristic
initial symptoms of the disease?"

Answer.—The incubation period
is unknown. It is probably not
more than 10 days, usually stated
to be four to five days, but the
evidence on which estimate is
based is inconclusive.

The initial symptoms are gen-
erally influenza in type, varying
in severity with the severity of the
attack. Headache of varying in-
tensity is a constant feature.

Sufficient Serum.

"Whether there is a sufficient
supply of anti-cerebral spinal
meningitis serum in the Colony?"

Answer.—The Hon. Director of
Medical and Sanitary Services in-
forms me as follows:—"There is
sufficient serum for 300 cases in
stock at the Bacteriological In-
stitute. More is being manufac-
tured."

Supplementary questions asked
by Mr. Lo were:

"As regards the serum in stock
in Hongkong, is it prepared locally
and how long does it retain its
efficiency?"

Dr. Pope replied:—"Yes. In-
definitely if kept under proper con-
ditions."

Mr. Lo continued that he under-
stood that the cases at Macao were
less malignant than those in Hong-
kong, and asked if the cases already
reported in Hongkong were of a
malignant type.

"I am afraid I cannot give any-
thing approaching an accurate an-
swer to this question," replied Dr.
Pope. "So far as I am aware, the
case mortality is not abnormally
high."

Lady Conan Doyle was closely
questioned by Mr. Justice
McCardie on her spiritualistic
theories.

Another witness was Dr.
Montagu Eder, an expert on
nervous and mental diseases. He
described Mrs. Morris's condition
when she went into a trance
during a medical examina-
tion. The other transmission in

FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

INQUEST INTO WOMAN'S DEATH.

The death of a coolie woman
who was knocked down by a Fiat
car, No. 3090, driven by Mr. C. E.
Gahagan on Hennessey Road, Wan-
chai on March 23, was the subject
of an inquest held before Mr.
Schofield at the Central Magistracy
yesterday afternoon.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks watched the
proceedings in the interests of the
driver concerned in the case.

Mr. Gahagan stated that at 4.15
on the afternoon in question he was
proceeding eastward along Hen-
nessey Road. When passing Canal
Road East he noticed the woman,
carrying two baskets of Shanghai
plaster, crossing Hennessey Road
diagonally, going from north to
south.

He sounded his horn when 20
yards away. She turned towards
the south side of the road, then
turned again and ran to the north
side. He could see that she was
very excited, so he slowed down
and swerved to the right when
about four yards away from her.

She turned round again, ran to-
wards the south side of the road,
and before he had time to swerve
clear, she was struck on the right
hip by the bumper of the car. As
he got out of the car, the victim
was being assisted to the pavement
by some Chinese. He telephoned
for an ambulance from the Asiatic
Motor Garage, and also reported
the accident to the local district
Station.

Accidental Death.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, Medical Of-
ficer at the Government Civil Hos-
pital, stated that the woman died
five minutes after admission, from
shock and multiple injuries, includ-
ing a ruptured spleen and broken
ribs.

The Coroner asked if the post-
mortem examination disclosed any
definite indication of the woman
having been run over, and witness
replied that he found no such in-
dication, although the injuries
were consistent with the woman
having been knocked down by a car.

According to a Chinese mechanic
who was an eye witness the car was
travelling at full speed and ran
straight into the woman. He
heard no horn sounded.

After hearing the evidence the
jury, comprising Messrs. R. M. de
Rocha (foreman), R. Darling and
J. M. V. Remedios, returned a
verdict of accidental death and at-
tached no blame to the driver, who
in their opinion, took every precau-
tion to avoid an accident.

In associating himself with the
verdict the Coroner expressed the
sympathy of the Court and of the
jury with the deceased's husband.

masculine voices of the spirit
views of "Father O'Keefe" and
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POLITICAL STATUS OF SHANGHAI. LESSONS OF THE RECENT UPHEAVAL. DEFINITION DEMANDED.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

SHANGHAI'S DAYS OF CRISIS HAVE SERVED TO STRESS THE IMPERATIVE NEED THAT THE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT RECEIVES IMMEDIATE AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

Thus declared Brigadier-General Macnaghten, the retiring chairman of the S. M. C. addressing the ratepayers this afternoon in his last speech before proceeding to England. He vigorously criticised the weakness during the earlier days of the crisis of the Special District Courts and suggested that the only solution was the establishment of the Settlement's own courts, administering uniform laws for all residents no matter what their nationality.

VIGOROUS SPEECH THIS AFTERNOON.

Shanghai, Apr. 13, 3.15 p.m. A public meeting of ratepayers of the International Settlement was held at the Carlton Theatre, commencing at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, Mr. A. W. Burkill occupying the chair.

The object of the meeting is to devise ways and means of raising requisite funds for Municipal purposes, as well as deliberate and decide upon other Municipal matters.

THANKS TO DEFENDERS.

In the course of the opening speech, Brig-General Macnaghten, the retiring chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, said:

"I desire to express on behalf of the Council, its profound gratitude and thanks to the officers and men of the International forces, the Volunteer Corps and the Special Police, to whom we are deeply indebted for the defence and security of the Settlement."

"I also desire to express the thanks of the Council to the staff of the Municipality. We deeply appreciate the loyal and arduous service the staff has rendered in troublous times."

VERITABLE HURRICANE.

Referring to the political situation, Brig-Gen. Macnaghten said he felt he could say, without fear of contradiction, that the retiring Council had successfully piloted the Municipal ship of state through a veritable hurricane, without alternating either the Chinese or the Japanese sections of the community.

The recent conflict, he said, had disclosed anomalies which hitherto had not occurred to the most astute students of local conditions, except perhaps in a vague and indefinite way, and which had demonstrated, in a very startling manner, certain dangers to which the International Settlement is exposed when international complications arise.

These events stress the imperative need that the political status of the Settlement, both at present and in the future, should receive immediate and careful consideration by the interested Powers.

DISTORTED PATRIOTISM.

Referring to the Special District Courts and their inaction in dealing with anti-Japanese boycott activities, Brig-General Macnaghten said:

"To these anti-Japanese activities, the courts, either because of a distorted conception of patriotism or through fear of organised violence, turned a blind eye and a deaf ear, with the result that the efforts of the Council to deal

with this phase of the situation were completely paralyzed.

"This attitude of the Special District Courts was undoubtedly one of the contributing factors in the cumulative causes which led to the actual warfare with disastrous consequences.

CONFIDENCE GONE.

"Aside from being a direct contributing factor in the present relations between China and Japan, the failure of the Courts fully to recognize or discharge their judicial functions during the time of crisis, has shaken to its very foundations, if it has not entirely demolished, any hope which the foreign community might have entertained that the Chinese Government would eventually succeed in establishing in the International Settlement, Courts in which the foreign community could have at least a moderate if not a full degree of confidence, and respect."

ONLY SOLUTION.

Continuing, the speaker stated that foreign public opinion was undoubtedly unanimous upon the point that the most satisfactory solution of the problem would be the establishing in the Settlement of International Courts administering uniform civil and criminal laws over all residents of the Settlement irrespective of their nationality.

The Chinese members of the Council dissociated themselves from these remarks.

Silver Ratio and Sterling.

BANKER ON EMPIRE CURRENCY.

London, Apr. 12. The re-introduction of silver into the world's monetary systems in order to mitigate the present shortage of gold, was advocated by Sir Robert Horne, the famous banker and economist, speaking before the Royal Empire Society to-day.

Referring to the Imperial Economic Conference, Sir Robert Horne said he was looking for a settlement of the matter, which he believed to be vitally important to world prosperity.

He also strongly supported the Canadian suggestion that an Empire currency should be established, stating his considered opinion that if the nations of the Empire agreed to fix a ratio between silver and sterling, the Empire would benefit extensively in developing trade with the East.—*Reuter.*

A WORLD OF ILLUSION.

THE DAILY MAIL LIBEL CASE.

SIR OLIVER LODGE AS WITNESS.

TALK WITH SON.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Apr. 12. Remarkable evidence was given by Sir Oliver Lodge, the celebrated scientist and adherent of spiritualism, when he was called on behalf of Mrs. Meurig Morris, who is suing the *Daily Mail* for libel.

The plaintiff is a comparatively young woman recognised as one of the most extraordinary mediums of the day. She is of humble origin and has had little education, coming from an ordinary village school.

Widespread Interest.

In trances, she has delivered sermons in the ringing tones of a trained masculine speaker and her reputation is such that all the leading personalities in spiritualism are following the action with the greatest interest.

The claim is based principally upon a contents bill issued by the *Daily Mail* proclaiming:

TRANCE MEDIUM FOUND OUT.

Her counsel argued that it was impossible, as the *Daily Mail* implied, that a frail, poorly educated woman could produce such a phenomenon by conscious trickery. While preaching in a trance, her bodily changes themselves were remarkable. One side of her body became absolutely cold and her pulse leaped to 130. Dr. Eder, who examined her in these circumstances, described her as perfectly sincere and honest.

Sir Oliver Lodge, the veteran scientist, described his talk with "Mr. Power," one of plaintiff's "controls," and also a talk with his famous son, Raymond, who was killed in the War.

He discussed conditions in the spirit world with his son.

World of Illusion.

"I put it to my boy, Raymond, 'You live in the world of Illusion,' and he replied: 'So do you, father.'"

Sir Oliver Lodge said he was absolutely convinced that Mrs. Morris was perfectly honest.

"It is a phenomenon that must be recognised—that a person can leave the body to be manipulated by another intelligence. That has been established as a fact by students of psychic science."

Case for Defence.

Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., opening the case for the defence, made the most of the fact that Mr. Lawrence Cowan, who was prominently associated with the manifestations in which Mrs. Morris was concerned, was not called as a witness.

Mr. Birkett denounced him as an attempted exploiter.

YOUNG MARSHAL'S FATE.

LOYANG DEMANDS DISMISSAL.

Loyang, Apr. 13. The closing session of the National Emergency Conference decided to request the National Government to order the dismissal of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang from all his posts and to investigate the charges against him.

The Conference suggested that his troops be handed over to the control of the Military Council, of which General Chiang Kai-shek is chairman.

A resolution was passed paying a tribute to the work of Dr. W. W. Yen in presenting China's case to the League of Nations.—*Reuter.*

Armistice Failure Echo.

Anti-Japanese Activities.

STUDENT PERIL.

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, Apr. 13.

The breakdown of the armistice negotiations has found an ominous echo among the Shanghai student group, giving rise to considerable apprehension in the Settlement.

The students have, during the last few days, been holding meetings, agitating against the peace proposals and demanding the revival of the anti-Japanese movement, including intensification of the boycott—if such be possible.

GRAVE DANGER.

There is thought to be a real danger of the resuscitation of the "National Salvation Federation," and if this proves to be a well-founded belief, the situation will be anything but improved as it was this organisation which was responsible for so much of the pre-war agitation against the Japanese.

It may also be recalled that the dissolution of this organisation was one of the main Japanese demands when their ultimatum was presented to the Mayor.

STUDENT "ARDOUR."

The students have been comparatively inactive in the last two months, probably because they had every opportunity to show their patriotic ardour on the battlefield—an opportunity which the majority failed to seize.

Complications of the present delicate situation are inevitable should the students be permitted to pursue their campaign.—*Reuter.*

U.S. BASEBALL.

YANKEES OFF TO GOOD START.

New York, Apr. 13. The results of matches played in the American and National Leagues yesterday were as follows:

National League.			
Brooklyn	3	Boston	8
New York	5	Philadelphia	13
Cincinnati	5	Chicago	4
St. Louis	10	Pittsburgh	2

American League.			
Philadelphia	6	New York	12
Chicago	9	St. Louis	2

—*Reuter's American Service.*

New York, Apr. 12.

The baseball season opened yesterday with one game at Washington, in which the Senators defeated Boston (in the American League) by one run to nil.—*Reuter.*

40 NEW FOREIGN UNDERTAKINGS.

EFFECT OF BRITISH TARIFFS.

London, Apr. 12. In a Parliamentary answer, Mr. Walter Runciman said the Board of Trade had received information regarding upwards of forty new undertakings which had been set up in Britain during the past few months by or with the assistance of foreign concerns.—*British Wireless.*



THE SPHINX, the world's most curious relic of ancient civilisation, is in danger of crumbling away, according to expert reports.

TRAIN PLUNGES OVER CLIFF.

HEAVY JAPANESE CASUALTIES.

Tokyo, Apr. 13. Over a hundred Japanese military casualties occurred on the railway about eleven miles from Harbin this morning, when, following an explosion which caused derailment, a military train plunged over a cliff.

Eleven officers and men of the Japanese detachment aboard were killed; nineteen were seriously injured; and seventy-four were slightly hurt.—*Reuter.*

ARRESTS IN HARBIN.

Harbin, Apr. 13. Signs that the unrest against the new Manchurian administration is gaining strength daily are not wanting.

The latest development is an alliance between Communist agitators and the troops of the old Kirin Army on the eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

UNITE WITH U.S.S.R.

Pamphlets are being distributed urging the people to assist the rebels to "overthrow the Manchukuo Government" and "Establish a Soviet Government and unite with the U.S.S.R."

In Harbin itself, Red agitators are causing trouble and it is reported that many Soviet citizens have been arrested on charges of implication in plots to destroy railway property.

Kazan-tsoo Station, near Weishaho, has been looted and burned by bandits.—*Reuter.*

SILVER SLIGHTLY DOWN.

HONGKONG DOLLAR UNALTERED.

The Hongkong dollar still remains at 2.5/8d., although silver has again declined both in London and New York. The local market has an easy undertone.

London reports a fall of 1/8th in silver. There was no special feature on the market. India sold, but business was small. After the official fixing, the market ruled dull, with America inclined to sell.

In New York, silver is down 1/8th, with the market steady.

BRITISH ARMY STRENGTH.

FIGURES FOR UNITED KINGDOM.

London, Apr. 12. It was stated in the House of Commons to-day that the present strength of the Regular Army in the United Kingdom is 7,506 officers and 99,881 other ranks. The Territorial Army strength is 6,899 officers and 124,880 other ranks.—*British Wireless.*

CITY UNDER ASHES.

ANDEAN VOLCANO ERUPTIONS.

Santiago, Apr. 12. Residents in the volcanic zone are in a state of terror as the hours of incessant eruptions pass without any sign of diminution. They have, however, been somewhat cheered by the announcements of seismologists, expressing the belief that the danger of greater volcanic eruptions is subsiding, at least temporarily.

Valparaiso and Santiago present an extraordinary appearance. Both cities are covered with white cinders and ashes.

The flames shooting out of the Tinguirica crater have now subsided, but all the volcanoes are still emitting cinders and ashes. The wind has changed and is now carrying the ashes to the mountains. The Red Cross has rushed assistance to the Andean frontier but up to the present no fatalities have been reported.—*Reuter.*

THE PRINCE AND INDUSTRY.

"GET TOGETHER" MOVEMENT.

London, Apr. 12. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in a message to the National Industrial Alliance to-day, said he could see no more helpful sign for the restoration of industrial prosperity and consequent well-being of the people of this country than the determination of employers and employed to get together in a spirit of mutual helpfulness, and by pooling their experiences and special knowledge, seek to solve the many problems which at present concerned them.—*British Wireless.*

CHICAGO POLLS IN PRIMARIES.

TERRORISM FEARS NOT REALISED.

Chicago, Apr. 12. Braving predictions of a reign of terror with Al Capone's gunmen ruling the ballot-boxes, citizens of Chicago to-day polled heavily for both the Republican and Democratic candidates in the primary election for nomination of candidates for the Presidency of the United States.

Forty thousand police and volunteers guarded the polling booths, and there were only minor disorders.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CONTINENT AND BRITISH COAL.

STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT.

London, Apr. 12. The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Runciman, to-day answered further Parliamentary questions regarding the restrictions on the importation of British coal into Germany, France and Belgium. He repeated that successive German quota reductions were regarded as discriminatory against Britain.

The French and Belgian quota restrictions applied to coal imported from all countries, but the methods of calculating the quotas and administering the licensing system which gave effect to the quotas were considered inequitable to Britain.

In Italy, a general landing duty of two and half lire per ton applied only to coal imported by sea. Accordingly it affected coal from this country to a greater extent than coal from other countries.

Mr. Runciman said that where there was discrimination against Britain it could not be ignored and such steps as appeared to be necessary must be taken.—*British Wireless.*

DE VALERA TO RECONSIDER.

LAND ANNUITY SURPRISE.

AGREEMENT HE WAS UNAWARE OF.

WRONG ADDRESS.

London, Apr. 12. It is believed that the latest Note sent by the Rt. Hon. Mr. J. H. Thomas to the Irish Free State Government has shaken Mr. de Valera's confidence somewhat.

All members of the de Valera party are reported to have been greatly surprised by the mention in the Note of a financial agreement of February, 1923, having special regard to the land annuities of which, it is stated, they were quite unaware.

Officials in Dublin are now said to be hastily and anxiously searching through the archives of the late Ministry for such a document, which a member of Mr. Cosgrave's last government informed *Reuter's* Dublin correspondent exists. It is known that the agreement was signed by Mr. Cosgrave, who was then the Finance Minister of the Free State, and by Major Hill representing to Government of the United Kingdom.

The Next Step.

It is understood that the Land Act of 1923 gave point to the agreement in respect of the annuities by setting out how they should be collected and transferred to England.

Mr. Cosgrave said at that time that the agreement was in every way satisfactory. As Mr. de Valera has declared he will scrupulously honour any formal undertaking to continue the payment of the land annuities, the next steps will be awaited with some interest.

Consideration Delayed.

Although the Free State Executive Council meets to-morrow, Dublin message says it is unlikely that the Dominion Secretary's reply to de Valera's despatch on the Land and Land Annuities controversy will be examined before Friday.

According to the *Times* Dublin correspondent, the friendly tone of the British Government note and its freedom from any kind of threat has been welcomed by Irish Free State citizens. He describes many Free State people as surprised that the Oath, which de Valera and his followers in the Free State Parliament have themselves taken, describing it in so doing as an "empty formula," should be treated as an occasion to precipitate a dispute.

In no quarter of the British press is any sympathy or approval found for de Valera action.

The Wrong Address.

The *Liberal Star* this evening says: "Ireland now is no longer an appendage of England, but member of the Commonwealth of Nations. Her old position lives only in the memory of..." (Continued on Page 7.)

EXPORTS UP—IMPORTS DOWN.

THE FIRST MONTH OF TARIFFS.

London, Apr. 12. An increase in exports and decrease in imports are shown in the Board of Trade returns for March—the first complete month since Britain changed her tariff policy.

Figures issued to-day show that the month's exports were £38,620,876 about £1,200,000 over February, and imports £26,119,411 over £2 millions less than February.

The adverse trade balance has been reduced to £24,499,000 compared with £24,759,000 in the previous month.—*British Wireless.*

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By W. E. McKenney.

Secretary, American Bridge
League.

In contract bridge, to arrive at
the best declaration for the com-
bined 26 cards, it is necessary
for partners to exchange as much
intelligent information as possible
by sound bids—so as not to take
a chance on losing game or over-
bidding the hand.

When the original bidder's
hand contains two and one-half
high card tricks or better and a
distribution assuring him that his
hand will also take at least four
or five tricks if played at the suit
mentioned, he has three choices
of bids:

1—He may make a minimum
bid of one. While he may be
taking a chance that his partner
will pass short of game, partner
should not pass when holding at
least one and one-half tricks.
2—He may bid for game at
once, but the risk here is very
great as there may be two or
three different declarations in the
hand and the best declaration may
not be the one he calls.
3—He may make a forcing bid
which not only gives valuable in-
formation to partner but requires
partner to keep the bidding open,
thereby guaranteeing him another
opportunity to bid.

The ordinary way to make a
forcing bid is to bid one more
of a suit than is necessary to hold
the contract. The various types
of forcing bids are as follows:

1—Any original bid of two in
a suit requires that the bidding
be kept open by partner until a
game-going declaration is arrived
at, therefore it should not be
made if you are not willing to
play the hand at game even
though partner's hand may be
trickless.

2—Overcalling partner's suit
bid with another suit bid of one
more than is necessary: e. g. part-
ner bids one heart and you bid
three diamonds. This also indi-
cates a game-going hand and re-
quires the bidding to be kept
open until game is arrived at.

3—Overcalling opponent's suit
with a higher bid of the same
suit if partner had previously
bid: e. g. your partner bids one
heart, opponent bids two dia-
monds, and you bid three dia-
monds. This shows no losing
cards in the opponent's suit, sup-
port in your partner's suit and
slam possibilities. It further re-
quires that the bidding shall be
kept open until at least a game-
going declaration is arrived at.

4—The one over one, which the
writer advocates, is a take-out of
partner's opening bid of one, with
a bid of one in another suit; e. g.
partner bids one heart and you bid
one spade. This is the one-
over-one and requires partner to
keep the bidding open, but it does
not guarantee game and partner
may pass on the next round. Sup-
posing partner were now to bid
one no trump. He would show a
minimum four card heart suit
opening bid. If you were to carry
the bid to two spades, partner,
holding no additional values, has
a perfect right to pass.

The following bids are strong
invitation bids but are not de-
mand bids and partner may pass
them:

1—A free bid of more than
game: e. g. partner bids one heart
and you bid five hearts. This is
a strong invitation for a slam bid,
but partner may pass it.

2—A jump re-bid in your own
suit after partner has once denied
it, or if he has passed; e. g. you
bid one spade, partner passes or
bids two hearts, and you now bid
three spades. You strongly invite
him to go to four, but he may pass.
No trump bids are at no time
forcing bids.

**THESE BULLION
BROKERS.**

MR. BOWES-SMITH GIVES
AMUSING ADDRESS.

ROTARY TALK.

Rotarians and guests found
much to amuse them in a delight-
fully light address which was
given by Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith
on the subject of "These Bullion
Brokers" at yesterday's weekly
luncheon of the Rotary Club,
which was held on board the S.S.
President Hoover, this being the
first occasion when the meeting
has been held on board a ship.

The Chairman (Sir William
Hornell) welcomed the following
guests:—Rotarians, P. H. Steven-
son, (Peking), Yinson Lee, (Shang-
hai), L. L. Goodman, (Singapore),
B. Thorpe, (California), A. P.
Drakeford, (Manila), Freider,
(Manila), S. Fraser, (Manila),
Gilleland, (Manila); and the fol-
lowing non-Rotarian guests:—Mr.
Douglas Jenkins, (Consul General
for U.S.A. in Hongkong), Mr. F.
Hinke, (Consul for U.S.A. Canton),
Mr. R. J. Bell, (British North
Borneo) Captain T. W. H. Hosse-
good, Dr. Ernest To, Dr. Y. S. Wan,
Dr. Bernardo de Sousa, Mr. P. G.
Kerley, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. R.
A. Greaves, and Mr. R. Cryan, (all
of Hongkong).

The Chairman announced that on
the occasion of Goethe's centenary,
"Faust" will be presented under the
auspices of the German Club at St.
Pauli's Girls' College on April 16.

Mr. Bowes-Smith said:—As a
guest of the Rotary Club and the
Dollar Steamship Company it gives
me much pleasure to stand before
you to-day, but as a bullion
broker I do so with that diffidence
which is such a characteristic
of the members of my pro-
fession. (Laughter). Exchange
brokers, as a body, so often stand
up to be shot at in the press that
when one of them rises in public,
he half expects to be the target
for banana skins and rotten apples.
Seeing, however, that we have no
bananas to-day and that such a
thing as a rotten apple has
never been seen on a President
boat, I hope that my remarks will
be greeted with nothing more
than an occasional raspberry. (Laughter).

Docile And Harmless.

There is no section of the com-
munity which is more maligned
than the bullion brokers, unless it
be the Broadcasting Committee,
the civil servants and the inhabi-
tants of Ice House Street. Yet a
more docile and harmless lot of
human beings it would be difficult
to find. Accused of almost every
crime, from rigging the exchange
market and robbing the public,
down to exceeding the rickshaw
speed limit, these mild-mannered
gentlemen find it hard at times to
hold up their heads and look their
fellow citizens in the face. Even
the sharebrokers look askance
at them, as though they have
deliberately engineered the rise in
the dollar to depress the stock
market. In time they acquire a
sort of inferiority complex, feeling
that no matter how they present
their case to the public no one will
believe a word they say. As a
matter of fact, I have never known
an exchange broker tell an un-
truth. (Laughter).

Examples of Good Conduct.

Far from being undesirable,
these gentlemen are singularly free
from evil intentions and vice.
Have you ever seen an exchange
broker snatching a lady's handbag
or trafficking in women and
children? Have you ever known
him cut his neighbour's aerial or
appear in public improperly clad?
Ours was practically the only pro-
fession not included in the list of
prominent residents, soldiers, law-
yers and what-nots who recently
expressed a desire to go about
naked. (Laughter).

Actually, the exchange brokers
set an example of good conduct
and gallantry which it would be
well for others to emulate. When
they find the narrow thoroughfare
of Ice House Street blocked by
pedestrians, they frequently get

out of their rickshaws and proceed
on foot to prevent the jobbers be-
ing jolted into the gutter. When
they are waiting outside a bank
manager's door, and a merchant or
lawyer arrives on the scene, they
invariably make way and say
"After you, sir", even if they know
that it will probably be twenty
minutes before he comes out again.
And when a lady stops one of them
in the street and asks to be direct-
ed to the Peak Church or the
Virgins' Retreat, he promptly
leaves his job and sees her safe-
ly en route to her destination. (Laughter).

These positive qualities are un-
fortunately not recognised suffi-
ciently, and so it is that the
fraternity of which I am a humble
member comes in for a lot of mis-
informed criticism. I hope to
prove to you in a few moments,
gentlemen, that instead of being
criticised, we deserve your
sympathy for the many buffetings
we receive in the execution of our
duty.

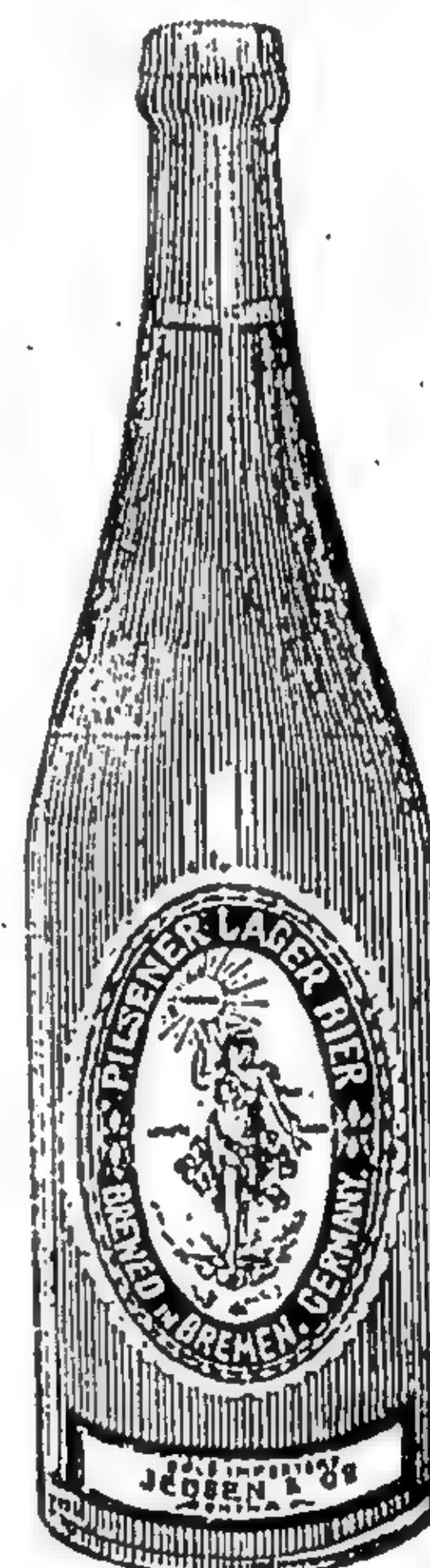
Their Private Lives.

Consider, in the first place, what
these brokers are like in private
life. One of them plays the piano.
I've always maintained that a man
who plays the piano must have a
streak of goodness in him some-
where. (Applause). He also
writes letters to the news-
papers: a harmless sort of
lunacy which cannot lead him
very far astray. Several of them
play golf, which is another harm-
less sort of lunacy, and only leads
them as far as Fanning. One of
them spends his spare time frolic-
king on the beach; while my old
friend Champkin has a weakness
for Boy Scouts and anti-aircraft
guns. Quiet, innocent enjoy-
ments, which they certainly de-
serve after the trials and tribula-
tions of their daily task. I should,
perhaps, admit that at least one of
them is interested in the turf, but
a man can even enjoy horse racing
without being thoroughly dis-
honest.

I will not say any more about
their private lives, for they are
friends of mine. But I hope to
have proved that they are no worse,
(Continued on Page 10.)

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By Small





Our photo shows the Schneider Trio, who delighted Hongkong music lovers with recitals a few months ago and are giving further performances this week and next. The first recital is to be given at the Helena May Institute this evening.



The Maharajah of Karpethala and his wife, wintering at Chamonix in the south of France.



La Argentina being decorated by the Prime Minister of Spain, Senor Azana.

The dime-a-dance girl

BY JOAN CLAYTON

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Dreamful Ellen Rosier, who works by day as a waitress in Barclay's Department Store, lives with her mother, Molly Rosier, her sister, Myra, and her young brother, Mike. Irresponsible Molly has long ago squandered the fortune left by her English husband and the two girls support the family. Molly foolishly spends money saved to pay the rent. Ellen decides to work at night as a dance hall waitress until the sum is made up. She goes to Dreamland and interviews Jacob Salomon, who offers her a job on condition that she supply her own evening dress. She has no evening dress.

Steven Barclay, Ellen's employer, sees her crying and asks her to come to his office. When she tells him the situation he offers to give her a dress. She proudly refuses. He then lends her one of the dresses worn by the store models.

CHAPTER V

Ellen sensed the antagonism of the two girls. She ignored it. They were staring at the ivory gown. Let them stare! Her own pleasure in the gown had evaporated. She neither knew nor cared how beautiful she looked in the soft ivory taffeta which swept the floor around her.

Tony, bright-eyed, small and brunette, was barely covered by a wisp of chiffon which clearly revealed her breasts and young, unformed legs. Her sigh of admiration, a purely feminine sigh, turned swiftly to envy as feminine.

"The competition is going to be fierce to-night," she whispered loudly to her platinum-haired companion.

"Maybe she thinks she's going to be presented at Buckingham Palace," countered Anise, slipping her cigarette to the floor.

Tony chuckled gleefully. "The queen herself," she giggled. "And in a dress from Chanel or I'll eat my favourite lipstick."

The youngster jumped to her feet, ran across the room and before Ellen understood her purpose she had pulled down the back of the dress to examine the label.

"It is a Chanel," she confirmed in an awed tone. And to Ellen, "How come you wear a dress from Chanel to dance in a dump like this?"

Ellen felt like tearing off the dress and stamping on it. She was angry and humiliated. A good part of her anger was directed at herself. She should have known better than to select so unsuitable a costume merely because it was becoming. She had come to Dreamland to work—not to play. Play time was for girls who were protected and cared for—for girls who would have been scornfully amused at the notion of dancing at Dreamland to earn money for rent.

"Go away," she fiercely addressed Tony. "Go away and let me alone. And take your hands off my dress!"

The hostesses sat at empty tables, one girl to a table, and waited for men to ask them to dance. Most of the girls had regular patrons. Tony's instructions for "cinching regulars." These men would buy a whole string of tickets for the privilege of dancing with a particular girl for an hour or so. After each of the short dances—the fastest couples barely managed three turns of the room before the orchestra stopped—the girl would gravely detach one of the tickets from the long string proffered by her escort.

Ellen took a table close to Tony's. But Tony was gone almost immediately, away like a green flash in the arms of a tall youth. She made a very ugly face over her partner's shoulder to indicate to Ellen that she did not favour him.

Ellen sat alone for some time. The music, once she became accustomed to its loudness, made her want to dance. She was surprised to observe that for once in her life she was an undeniable wallflower. The large majority of the other tables were quickly evacuated. Still no one asked her to dance.

A great many of the men who stood around the walls watching the dancers or waiting their turn with Sunny or Anise or Tony or Maybelle glanced toward her but no one approached. Ellen's very beauty and air cool aloofness intimidated them. At last a bold spirit sought out Salomon and came over for an introduction. As she acknowledged the introduction Ellen realized there were worse things than sitting alone at a table while others danced.

One of them was dancing with Joseph K. Landis. He was clumsy. He was crude. He held her so tightly that she could hardly breathe. He pressed his damp face against her cool cheek no matter how insistently she sought to avoid the juxtaposition. And all the time he babbled in her ear inane compliments.

"Where've you been all my life, little one? At home taking care of the kids? I thought so. A pretty little thing like you should have a better fate. Take me for instance—go right ahead and take me. I'll see you don't get trampled in the rush."

"You're holding me too tightly," she said furiously.

"Naughty, naughty! You're not supposed to talk. I can hold you tighter than this. See."

He closed his arms around her, moved his face forward and kissed her squarely on the lips. Ellen struggled free, slapped him across the mouth and was off the floor and back at her table before Joseph that mood, as Tony well knew.

Der Reichspräsident

Berlin, 4. April 1932.

Ich erkläre hiermit, dass ich der Aufnahme meines Namens in den "Wahlvorschlag Hindenburg" für die Reichspräsidentenwahl 1932 zustimme.

von Hindenburg

In this note President Paul von Hindenburg told the German electorate that he would stand for re-election as chief Executive of the Reich.

K. Landis thoroughly understood what had happened.

Jacob Salomon was very angry. He stood before Ellen's table, his feet wide apart, his arms outstretched, as he explained in detail how angry he was.

"I don't care if he did try to kiss you," he snapped. "That was no reason for seeking him. You gotta treat patrons decent. Kid 'em along, give 'em a good time. That's what you're here for, young woman!"

Ellen was angry, too. "I came here to dance, Mr. Salomon, not to be mauled," she retorted, her eyes flashing, her lips pale with anger. "He didn't try to kiss me. He did kiss me."

She got up from the table and had begun to say that Salomon had begun to say that she would find another girl to take her place, one more amenable to his ideas, when she saw that there was a small disturbance near the door.

Three men had entered and were grouped near the ticket booth. The two in evening clothes plainly wished to leave but the third, the one in flannels, just as plainly wished to stay. Suddenly Ellen saw him detach himself from his companions and push his way toward the spot where she and Salomon stood. He came straight across the crowded floor, regardless of the dancers annoyed by his transit.

He was a young man of 28 or 27 with a countenance in which eagerness was oddly mixed with something almost like boredom. His hair was thick and red. Ellen had a strange feeling that she would always remember his progress across the floor, that it would remain forever fixed in her mind, unchangeable.

He continued talking to Salomon, who had his back to the newcomer, but she was hardly conscious of what he said. While she talked she was aware that all her attention was fixed upon that figure approaching and that she was asking herself the cause of the contradictions in this face, deciding it was due to the sulky, bored mouth beneath such eager eyes. Were they blue or gray?

Jacob Salomon did not observe the young man until he was within a few steps of them. But he understood immediately.

"You're right," he muttered, half under his breath. "You should've socked him. Be more careful this time. This bird's class or I miss my guess."

Ellen stepped backward, all

thought of leaving Dreamland gone.

She had the strangest feeling that she wanted to prolong the moment of waiting. She was like a child on Christmas morning hesitating at the stairway-head before plunging down to the glittering tree. She saw Salomon speak to the young man, saw the two turn toward her. Salomon introduced her and waited for the newcomer to supply his own name. Ellen, with her new and sharpened perceptions, felt that the young man hesitated as he said that he was Larry Smith. She could not be certain. She was certain that his eyes were grey, not blue.

The orchestra swung into a waltz. Most of the couples were flocking from the floor. Ellen saw them, heard them, even identified some of the girls, but all this served only as a dim and unreal background for the man who stood before her.

He asked her to dance. With that same strange feeling that all of this had been preordained, that all this was something that she would never forget, she stepped into his arms.

"Am I going crazy?" she thought. "A young man I've never seen before waltzes with me and I want to cry."

She fancied that she was trembling. She was sure that if she tried to speak she would find that she had lost her voice. The two tall beautiful young people were almost alone on the floor. They had not spoken since they started dancing. An effortless as shadows they drifted along to the measures of the lightly melancholy tune.

"I haven't any tickets," the young man spoke at last and abruptly. Absurdly he repeated, "I haven't any tickets."

He guided her to the ticket booth. Even as they reached the knot of perspiring men who were supplying themselves with fresh tickets, the dance was done. Ellen withdrew a few paces, embarrassed, shy, confused.

She was obsessed with a desire to learn the name of the waltz the orchestra had played. As she waited for her partner nothing seemed to matter in the world save that she should know the name of that waltz. Without thinking what she was doing she thumped the violin player between the shoulder blades. He was tuning his instrument but he stopped to

Y. M. C. A. FUNCTION.

BRIDGE AND MAHJONG DRIVE YESTERDAY.

The first function organised by the Women's Section of the European Y.M.C.A. was held in the West Lounge yesterday, when a bridge and mahjong drive was organised for the Girl Guides Headquarters Hut Fund. The M.C. was Mrs. J. H. Hunt, the Hon. Secretary of the Women's Section. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent and it is hoped to repeat similar functions in the future. The prize winners were:

Contract Bridge, 1st. Mrs. E. Cock; Booby, Miss Elliott-Hayward.

Auction Bridge, 1st. Mrs. Grist; Booby, Mrs. Holloway.

Mahjong, 1st. Mrs. Russell; Booby, Miss C. Allison.

A hand-made leather bag, made and presented by Mrs. J. H. Hunt, was won by Mrs. L. Jack.

The prizes were kindly presented to the winners by Mrs. T. H. King, in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. W. T. Southern, who received a bouquet of flowers from Miss Johanna Holland, a Girl Guide.

Sincere thanks are extended to the following for the prizes: Colonial Dispensary, Kayamally & Co., Mrs. W. T. Southern, Mrs. Newell, Mr. P. S. Cassidy and Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co.; also to Mrs. Merrick for a donation and Ye Olde Printers for the score cards.

The Committee are to be congratulated on the splendid organisation, especially Mrs. Hunt for all she did to make the drive such a great success.

ask indignantly what she thought she was doing.

"What waltz were you playing? What waltz were you playing?" "Waltz Romantic." Next time look out who you punch."

Ellen laughed joyously and with a disgusted glance at her, he began to pick at his strings again. A moment later the lights went out—all except a round moon over the orchestra.

As the room filled with misty, bluish light and the piano began to tinkle, the dancers crowded to the floor. Ellen was wildly impatient to be dancing. What if Larry Smith were unable to find her? Had he noticed that she had withdrawn? She turned to see him coming toward her through the bluish dusk. As he drew near she thought that she had never been so happy in her life.

(To be Continued.)

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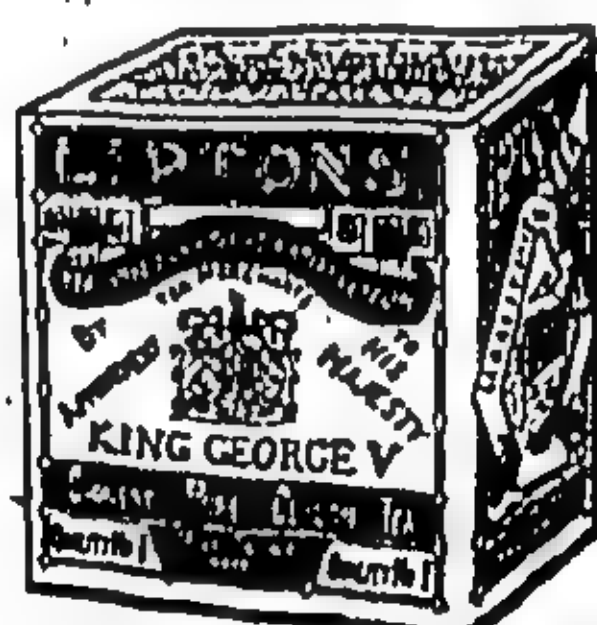


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By Order,

W. L. ALEXANDER,

Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 23rd April, 1932, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Village Road.

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Hongkong, 7th April, 1932.

CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

After a search of two weeks during which production necessarily was delayed, Miriam Seeger was chosen for the leading feminine role in the Pathé comedy drama, "Big Money," featuring Eddie Quillan, Robert Armstrong, James Gleason, Miss Seeger and Margaret Livingston, which was directed by Russell Mack and which is showing at the Central Theatre to-day.

Miss Seeger, a petite blonde, was favourably known on the stage, both in New York and London, before she went to Hollywood about a year ago. She played leading roles opposite Richard Dix, Reginald Denry and Adolphe Menjou, and most recently was featured with Charlie Murray in "Clancy in Wall Street."

The cast for "Big Money" was carefully selected and some twenty-five prominent stage and screen players were entrusted with the troubles and triumphs of a Wall Street messenger boy employed in a broker's office. He is addicted to the gambling habit, which is not uncommon in Wall Street, and as a dice thrower he is a distinguished success. He is given \$5,000 to deposit in a bank, but finds the bank closed and is obliged to guard the money through the ensuing night. He falls in with several gangsters and when they learn of the treasure he carries in a brief case, his troubles begin.

There are numerous thrilling scenes, but Eddie Quillan's first for comedy, even in the face of personal peril, carry him through with flying colours. He falls in love with his employer's daughter, portrayed by Miss Seeger and finally wins her after giving up the gambling game which had almost wrecked their love romance. The picture was directed by Russell Mack, Robert Edeson, Dorothy Christy and other notable players are in the cast.

"The Man I Killed." The new trend in pictures, as recently described by B. P. Schulberg, managing director of Paramount's West Coast production, when he said that "dialogue should only be used to enhance the dramatic value of the story," is strikingly exemplified in "The Man I Killed," coming soon to the King's Theatre.

Ernst Lubitsch's first dramatic talking production will reach the screen with less dialogue than the other pictures made since the advent of sound.

"Dialogue is important when it means something, yet only where it is vital to the story," says the director who made several dramatic silent pictures but whose talking productions to date have been confined to the lighter and more sophisticated. "The Smiling Lieutenant," "Monte Carlo" and "The Love Parade."

"Lionel Barrymore, Nancy Carroll, Phillips Holmes and the other character actors in 'The Man I Killed' talk when it is logical that they should talk; they do not talk, however, when the story can better be developed in terms of action and use of the cameras."

Page after page of the script of the after-the-war romance laid in France and Germany was bare of dialogue. It was more like the scenarios for silent pictures, following the down-to-earth formula which authorities such as Schulberg and Lubitsch say is the new trend in providing the kind of entertainment demanded by the public. Beau Ideal.

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Here is the terse explanation of a former officer of the Legion: "All nations, colours, creeds and religions are in our Legion. They have pay days. Liquor is plentiful and potent. Quarrels arise. Loose guns are dangerous!" Several rans of the Legion have important parts in the picture.

Ralph Forbes who created the role of "John Geste" in "Beau Geste" plays the same role in "Beau Ideal" which is a sequel by the same author. He is supported by an excellent cast, including Loretta Young, Irene Rich, Lester Vail, Don Alvarado, Otto Matsson, Paul McAllister, Hale Hamilton, George Rigas and Leni Stengel. Herbert Brenon, director of the silent "Beau Geste" also directed the talking "Beau Ideal."

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"Palmy Days."

Eddie Cantor insists that he has a future that goes beyond current success, but what it is he doesn't know. Since the Samuel Goldwyn picture "Palmy Days," at the King's Theatre, is meant to be a for-laughing-purposes-only exposure of spiritualism, fortune telling and such occult pastimes, Cantor makes a role as an unwilling assistant to a fake spiritualist seem the more real. In the way of a future, Cantor is contemplating a goodwill tour of Europe under the auspices of Samuel Goldwyn. Personal appearances in connection with the showings of "Palmy Days" in Berlin, Paris, London, Vienna and Rome are likely. Eddie hasn't seen to Europe since he went to England on his honeymoon in 1914, to sing a single number in "Charlotte's Revue." The song is still remembered—"I Love the Ladies."

Then the goggle-eyed come has two stage offers under advisement—one from Florence Ziegfeld for a new "Follies" or possibly a "book" or story show, and another for Earl Carroll's "Varieties." A year ago, when Cantor went westward after his long stage run in "Whoopee," to make the memorable picturization of the New Amsterdam Theatre hit, he promised himself and his family—meaning his wife, Ida, and his five daughters—that he was through with the stage forever. No one challenges his right to change his mind—that is, no one except Eddie and his family.

Cantor's literary activities are becoming increasingly successful—so much so, in fact, that Eddie is seriously contemplating a more intensive concentration on that field. "Caught on the Spot" was an outstanding success; so was "My Life in Your Hands." Recently, "Yoo! Hoo! Prosperity" is attracting nation wide attention in book form after its serial publication in The Saturday Evening Post. His magazine stories find a quick market and great popularity. To him, it is a cruel and almost untouchable field.

Lastly, then, Cantor has his family to consider—Ida, his wife, with whom he grew up in the East Side tenements of New York, his five daughters, ranging in age from four to fifteen. He knows that the more of a career he has, particularly on the stage or screen, with its night work, its constant travel and public attention, the less family he will have. He likes California. He thinks it a fine country to bring up the Cantor girls. He has a great mansion in Great Neck, Long Island, that is closed during his Hollywood sojourn.

And so Eddie Cantor is wondering. The fortune-telling exposures of "Palmy Days" help him none at all. "Flying High."

Thanks for a huge new aluminum crane which permits a camera to be carried high in the air, there to peer hither and yon at will, one of the most unusual "shots" ever made in a motion picture appears in "Flying High," which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

The "shot" concerns a brilliant song and dance number, "Happy Landings," when the scene first appears on the screen, the camera apparently is hovering over a huge aviation field, from which scores of "ships" are rising. Suddenly, however, the field slips away, disclosing two scores of gorgeously beautiful girls, who perform an intricate dance manoeuvre as directed by Busby Berkeley, responsible for the ensembles of "Whoopee." Kathryn Crawford is the featured singer of the number.

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Paris	99.13/10	99 1/2
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Berlin	16	16
Oslo	19 1/2	19 1/2
Helsingfors	215	215
Athens	300	300
Buenos Aires	1/8.1/16	1/8.1/16
Shanghai	3.80	3.80
New York	9.37 1/2	9.37 1/2
Amsterdam	32	32
Vienna	50	50
Madrid	63 1/2	63 1/2
Bucharest	1/3	1/3
Hongkong	27.07 1/2	27.10
Brussels	73 1/2	74
Milan	18.5/16	18.5/16
Copenhagen	128	128 1/2
Prague	110	109 1/2
Lisbon	4.1/16	4.3/16
Rio	1/6.1/32	1/6.1/32
Bombay	1/9	1/9
Yokohama	4.20	4.20 1/2
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—British Wireless.

TRAIN "HOLD UP."

BANDITS SEIZE PASSENGERS IN HONAN.

Peking, Apr. 12.—It is reported from Changchow, Honan, that bandits held up the Peking-Hankow passenger train, to the north of the Lai river, and looted the train and carried off twelve passengers to be held for ransom.—Reuter.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Gange	April 12.
(London 24th March)	Yasukuni Maru	April 14.
Japan and Shanghai	Yasukuni Maru	April 14.
Canada, U. S. A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Russia	April 14.
(Vancouver B. C. 26th March)	Pres. Cleveland	April 15.
Manila	Hong Hwa	April 15.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only), London, 17th March	Fushimi Maru	April 16.
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only), London, 17th March	Asama Maru	April 16.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Hayes	April 16.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai (San Francisco 18th March)	Ginyo Maru	April 17.
Japan	Heian Maru	April 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Katsang	April 18.
Calcutta & Straits	Pres. Jackson	April 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 25th March)	Kitano Maru	April 21.
Australia and Manila	Pres. Taft	April 22.
U. S. A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 2nd April)	Rawalpindi	April 22.
Japan and Shanghai	Rio de Janeiro Maru	April 22.

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For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Lycan	Wed. Apr. 13, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kwangtung	Wed. Apr. 13, 3.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Fingal	Wed. Apr. 13, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui & Wuchow	Tai Hing	Wed. Apr. 13, 4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi	Gange	Wed. April 13 K.P.O.
	Reg.	Apr. 13, 3 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 13, 4 p.m.
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	Reg.	Apr. 13, 8.45 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 13, 4.30 p.m.
	(Due Brindisi, 6th May)	
Fort Bayard	Sun Kong	Wed. Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai Poo Sek Thun	Apr. 14, 11.50 a.m.
Amoy	Tjisadano	Thurs. Apr. 14, 1.50 p.m.
Holhow and Bangkok	Kweiyang	Thurs. Apr. 14, 1.50 p.m.
*Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Thurs. Apr. 14, 3 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea Thun	Apr. 14, 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	Talamba	Thurs. Apr. 14, 4 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 14, 5 p.m.
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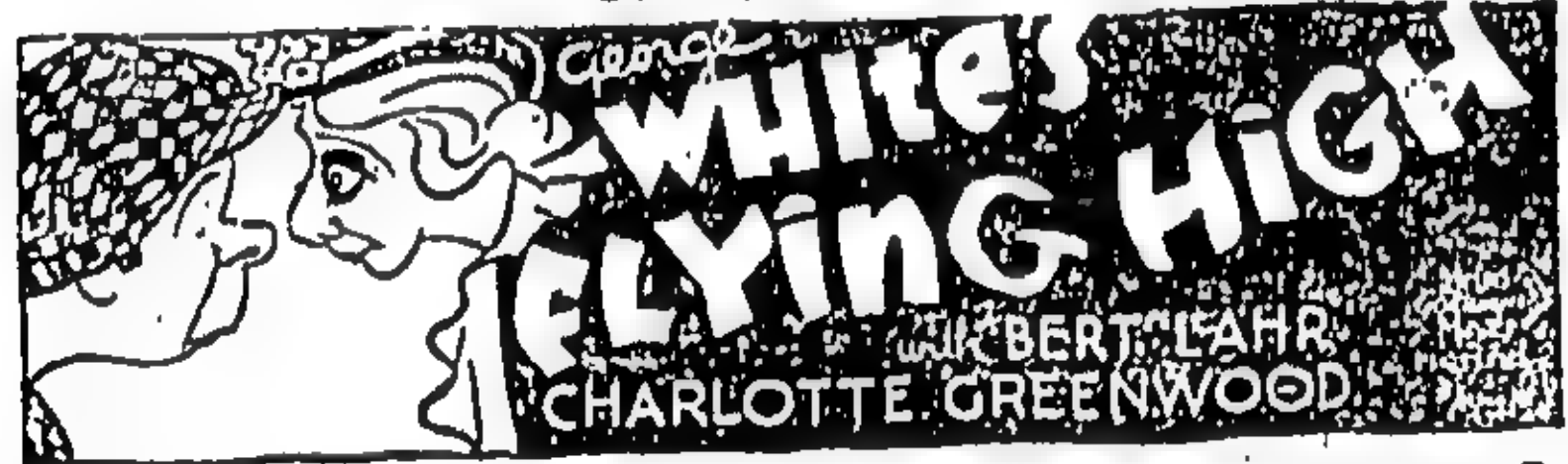
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TO-DAY'S RECIPES.

Orange Gravy.

Pigeons, game, and wild fowl are delicious served with this sauce instead of gravy.

Simmer over the fire half a pint of stock, one small onion (chopped), the grated rind of half a lemon, pepper, salt, and two bay leaves. In ten or fifteen minutes draw the pan aside and add the juice of the whole orange and a glass of port wine, if desired.

Before serving strain and reheat.

Orange Snowballs.

Here is a dish that the kiddies love. Boil half a pound of rice for about ten minutes. While it is draining peel four large oranges and scrape them free from pith. Divide the rice into four portions and spread each on a dumpling cloth, roll an orange in each and tie the cloth round. Boil the snowballs for an hour and a half, then turn carefully on to a dish and sprinkle with sugar.

Orange Loaves.

For the sweet the orange must be preserved beforehand, but it is quite simple and makes a useful sweet to fall back upon in time of emergency.

Cut the fruit in halves and squeeze the juice (this can be used up separately) and scrape the peels free from pith.

Boil them until the bitterness is extracted, then lay them in syrup for two days. On the third day strain the liquor off and boil it to a nice consistency. Replace the peels and bottle for use.

When required take out a sufficient number for a dish and fill each bowl with a good pudding mixture or custard, and bake.

Orange à la Russe.

A dainty cold sweet is always useful. For this one make a syrup of six ounces of sugar and half a pint of water. Boil for five minutes then add four large oranges, peeled, quartered, and with the pips removed. Boil a further five minutes, drain the orange quarters and dissolve half an ounce of gelatine in the syrup.

Arrange the quarters round a ring mould and fill it up with the liquor.

When set turn out the jelly ring and fill the middle with whipped cream or jelly à la Russe. To prepare this make half a pint of jelly in a different colour from the mould, and when cold, but not set, whisk it up until it is spongy and very light.

TWO OF THE LATEST SPORTS OUTFITS.



Sun yellow and white rayon crepe fashion the sports outfit at the left, of sleeveless dress and flaring short jacket with seven eighths sleeves. The frock has an unusual cut, with half the shoulder yoke yellow. The jacket is all-yellow, with white on its cuffs and shoulder bow. The all-white rayon crepe costume at right is a short-sleeved dress with round neckline and front bow, topped by a little jacket with full sleeves.

NEW HATS.

(By a London Correspondent).

It would seem that much creative genius has gone to the making of the new and exciting millinery.

Trimmings are to be more attractive, more varied, and more original than ever before; in fact, the actual foundation may be exquisitely simple in character, but the designer has spared no effort to make the feathered ornaments, braid bands of multi-colours, petal-shaped cockades and flowers as artistic as possible.

Perhaps I should say, especially flowers, because ribbon flowers are being used, and tulle flowers, and velvet ones, all soft and floppy, as well as large varnished camellias which are stiff and elegant and in harmony with chip straws and the tulle.

Just as neat and sophisticated is a cap in which bands of straw alternate with silk net. Straw is also seen with striped silk, and plaid effects are popular in hats of two materials; sometimes the straw is patterned or the material shows lines contrasting vividly.

Lace Motifs.

We are also to expect a vogue for lace on hats. It is difficult to predict how great will be the popularity of such a mode, but the examples I have seen are very attractive.

A fine, black straw, lifted on the left side and dipping—not too

perilously—on the other, shows motifs of acra lace set into the down-turned brim. Wool lace is more unusual. This, again, is used as motifs, or a strip—blue on black, red on white—underlines the narrow brim just where it is turned up. The new crocheted collars are likely to become great favourites if the mode continues.

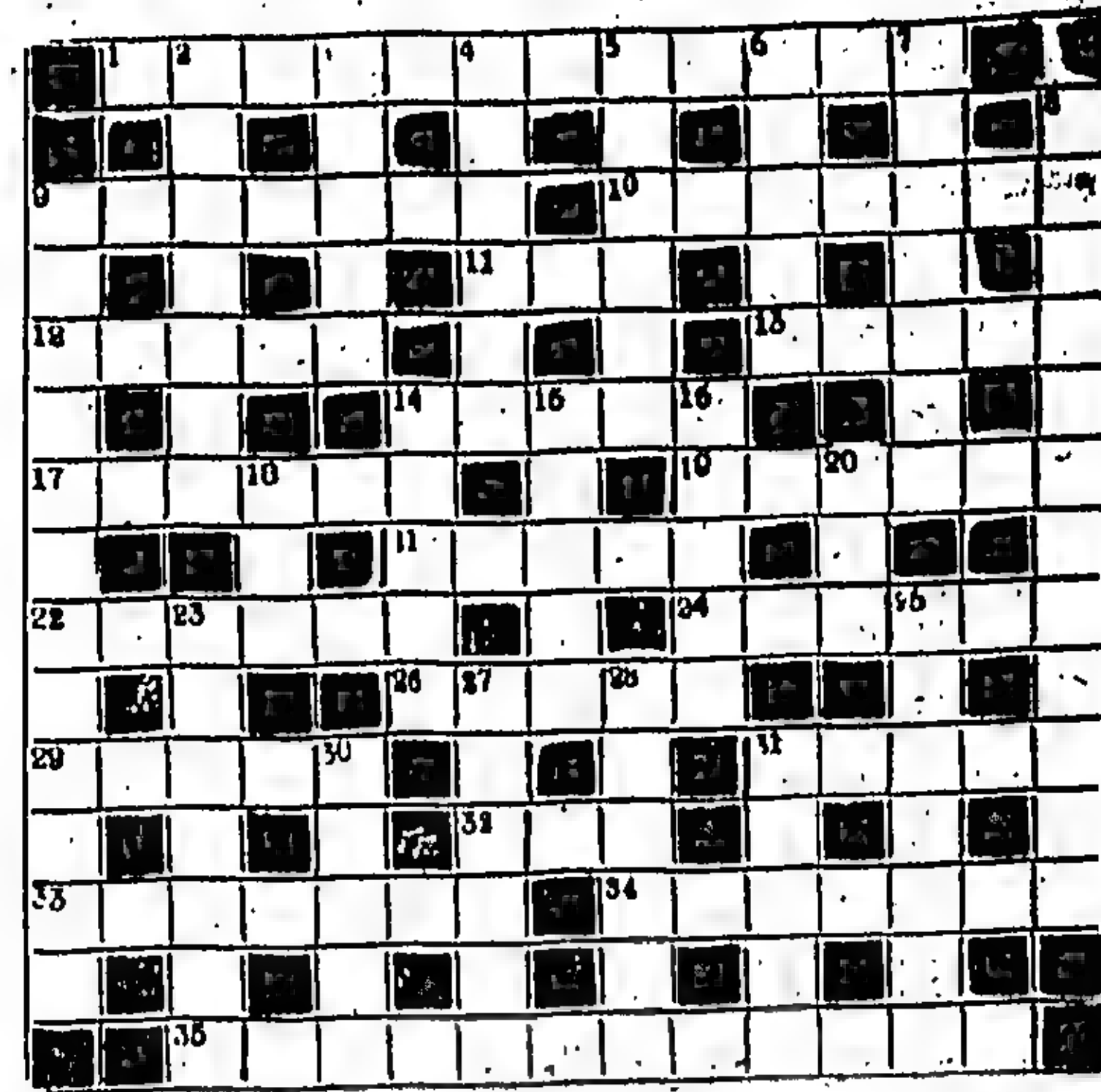
Double brims have been seen on small hats of very fine, pliable straw, and a model from an important collection has a straight brim—of the sailor-hat type. In the crown the straw is patterned, and two flat, bright flowers in cloth complete a shape intended as a frame for a youthful face. Loops of cloth go on other hats, and on the shiniest straws are small quills, gold-tints, or little clusters of fruits.

The Tricorne Again.

The tricorne style persists. This has the correct military appearance to coincide with so many of the new clothes. Course shiny straws are well adapted to this austere shape. Green tricorne seems the most popular of all, and this is almost the only shape on which flowers are rarely seen. Instead, materials in loons, petal-shaped ribbon bows, and white appliques help the milliner on her busy way of trimming the tricorne without spoiling its shape.

Something very much like last season's beret is shaped from strips of deerskin, boldly stitched with white threads, or bright red or green, with gloves stitched in the same way. Of course, the new berets leave one side of the head exposed; they won't fit properly if tipped to the back of the head.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 Tree burst car (anag.).
- 9 "Mebby to mean yes an' say no Comes — to women" (Lowell, "The Courtin'").
- 10 Private entrance made when the office is taken into the back part of the ship.
- 11 Soda in water, for instance.
- 12 Sent a telegram that finished a Bolshevik.
- 13 Leads a grinding life.
- 14 Indulge in a little well deserved repose after your century, as it is in top.
- 17 Trial by this was abolished in 1218.
- 19 London suburb.
- 21 A shopkeeper who has lost all aspiration might still be useful for basket making.
- 22 Large Hindustani antelope.
- 24 Chinese boat frequently used as a residence.
- 26 Give them a little more for this subject.
- 29 Less than little, as in this.
- 31 There's a car at the corner: better secure it (hidden).
- 32 One of the Tribes of Israel.
- 33 Touching, but not to the point of tears.
- 34 The scene of many a pilgrimage in France.
- 35 Dent out again.

Down

- 2 You may take a high tone to begin with, but to be changed is the right thing.
- 3 Thoroughly fed up—or in bed.
- 4 This skate is not edible.
- 5 Poster (anag.).

- 6 Stage favourite (surname).
- 7 "Do good by —, and blush to find it fame" (Pope, "Epilogue to the Satires").
- 8 He who turns King's Evidence does.
- 9 North American country.
- 14 Painful on the head, but useful for casting from June onwards.
- 15 Cut off.
- 16 Irish to a certain extent, but short and to the point.
- 18 Put a bar round it for the mendicant.
- 20 The rug is upside down.
- 23 Famous swimmer.
- 25 After all, the sweet little thing and her dowry are rather green.
- 27 Scottish dish.
- 28 All right when rotten.
- 30 Ten is one of this one.
- 31 Under the crust.

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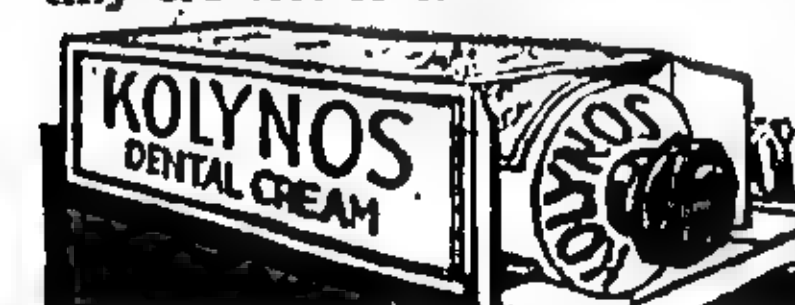
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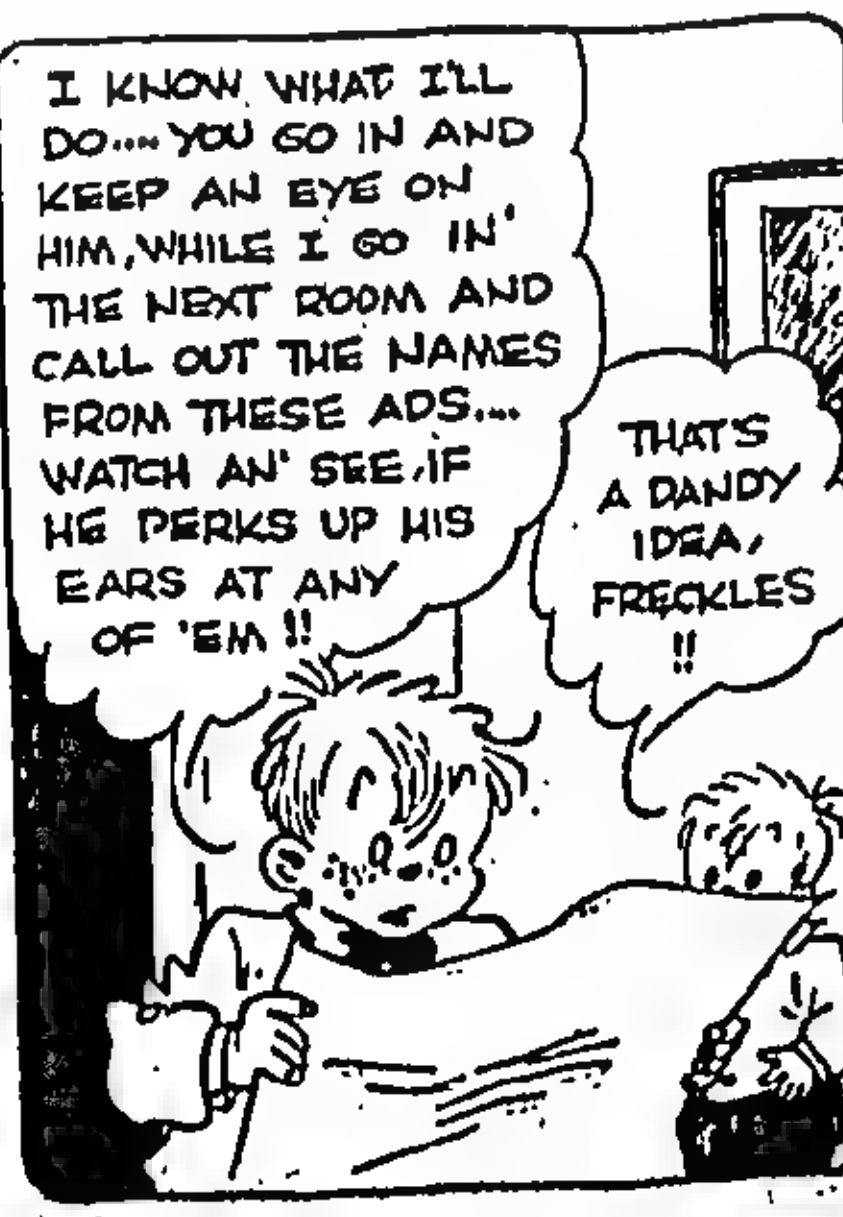
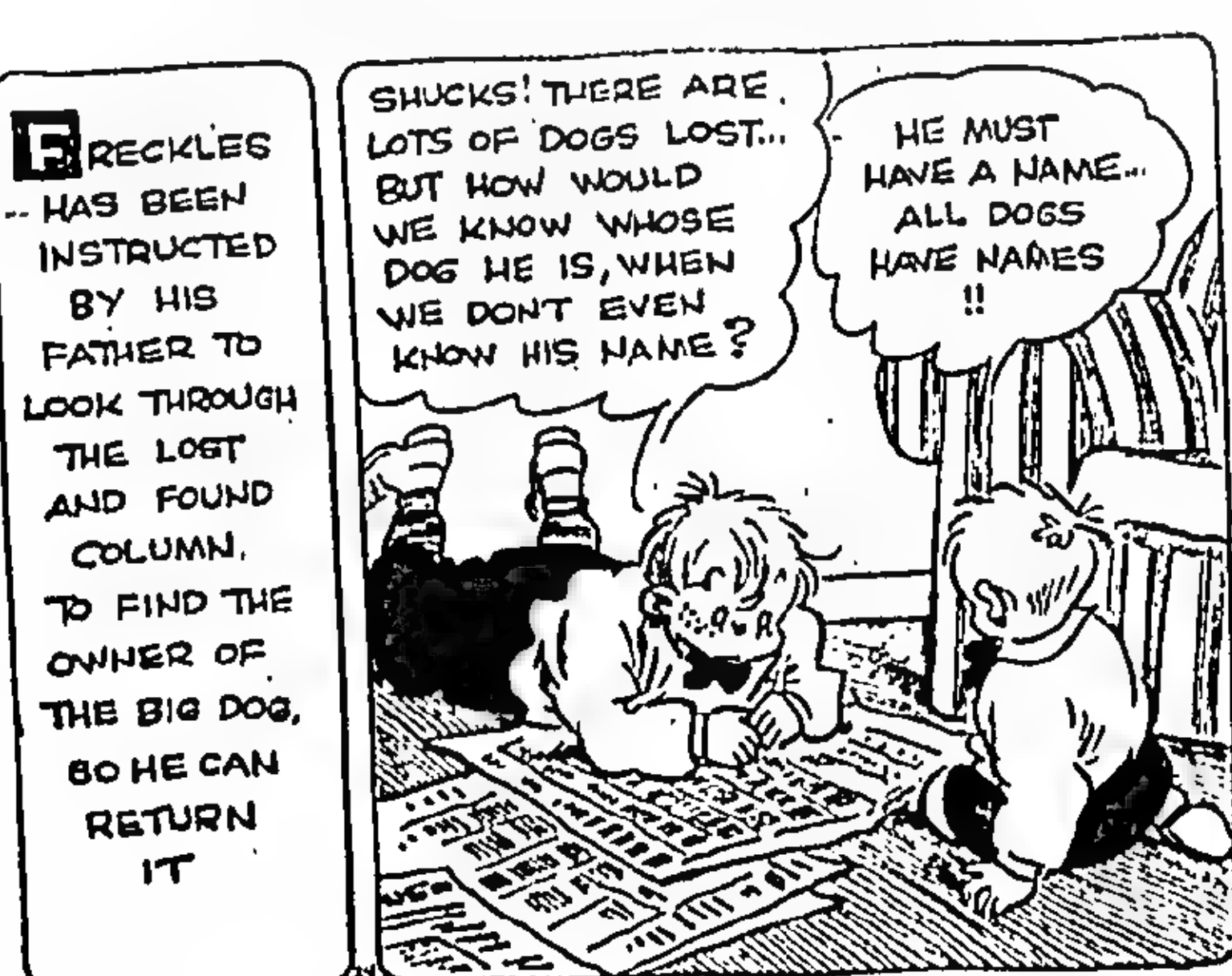
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1932.

CROWN COLONY
PREFERENCES.

Contrary to earlier indications, it would appear that the Straits Settlements, like the Federated Malay States, intend embarking on a policy of Imperial Preference, but on a very restricted scale. The idea took concrete form at a meeting of the Legislative Council last week, when resolutions were brought forward approving the imposition of duties giving a preference to certain classes of imported goods made in Great Britain, Ireland, the British Dominions or any Malay State under British protection. The plan is the outcome of telegrams from the Secretary of State announcing the intention of the Imperial Government to inaugurate a policy of granting preference to products of British Colonies and Dependencies, and expressing the hope that those Colonies and Dependencies whose tariffs do not at present provide for preferential tariffs would review the position with a view to reciprocation of the policy of the Mother Country.

When we come to look into the matter, however, we find that the proposed preferences amount to very little indeed; they were described by the Government spokesman as "a gesture of goodwill," and it is not intended that they should be regarded as revenue measures. The object, it was explained, is to provide as effective a preference as the short tariff of the Colony permits. The plan is not a prelude to the introduction of a wider tariff, with preference for British goods, as only such articles as are at present liable to duties are affected. The policy of the Government always has been, and still is, to keep the list of dutiable articles within the narrowest limits, and no departure from this line of action which is now proposed. Even so, there is seemingly a fear that even in this limited form there may be an unfavourable reaction on the cost of living, as mention was made by the Government spokesman of readjustments which might later on be found necessary should such a development occur. There

are, however, some hopes felt that the new move may provide a stimulus to local industries, but that remains to be seen. Incidentally, during the course of the Council discussion, one of the Chinese members suggested that Ireland should be excluded from the list of countries to be granted preferences. His Excellency, however, smilingly replied that he could not accept this proposal.

Relatively harmless as the proposals appear to be, it is interesting to note that the Council was in no mood to give its consent offhand. One of the Unofficial members declared that three days' notice of such a drastic change in the 100 years' old policy of the Colony was totally insufficient, and, on his suggestion, the question was deferred for later consideration. Like Hongkong, the Straits Settlements have a very restricted list of dutiable articles, and all the duties are imposed for purely revenue purposes. It will thus be seen that the proposed preferences are in reality of small importance. They may to some extent affect revenue; in any case, they will complicate the situation. In all the circumstances, however, desirable it may be to stimulate British trade, the innovation scarcely seems worth while. No question of Hongkong joining in the movement has yet been brought forward, and it is difficult to see what advantage either this Colony or the Imperial Government would derive from a departure from established custom. Hongkong's best asset is, without question, its free-port status.

Virtues in Slang.

The Times, writing in praise of Melba's voice, recently caused its readers a mild degree of perturbation by remarking, "There was more to Melba than that." This was not the first occasion in recent years on which the most august of the London dailies has admitted a slang word or phrase into its columns, showing how greatly the standards of correct speech have become relaxed since the days when Dr. Johnson described "clever" as a "low" word, and "stingy" as "low cant." It is, on the whole, a satisfactory thing that the English language should from time to time replenish and revivify itself by drawing on the treasures of popular and unlearned speech, of which slang forms no inconsiderable portion. In this way a language is saved from becoming pedantic, sterile, and overformal. In this way, too, fine and valuable words are preserved in common usage which otherwise would be lost. In the eighteenth century, for example, the term "ear" was comparatively rarely employed, and seemed in danger of vanishing from the language. It would no doubt have done so, had it not survived in the popular speech of Scotland, Ireland, and Devon. It was entirely owing to the locations of unlearned countrymen that this term was preserved in English, and thus kept ready for the day when the invention of mechanical transport made it universal and indispensable. Popular speech not only preserves the resources of a language, but adds to them. The slang of a year ago either is forgotten or is the standard English of to-day. Such useful words as nag, pet, fad, and fun were once only slang expressions. And four slang words, lunch, snob, coke, and tram, have proved their worth so triumphantly that they have gained a place not only in reputable English, but in foreign languages as well. Let us therefore beware of despising slang merely as the language of those unable to speak standard English. Emphatically, there is more to slang than that.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

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DAY BY DAY

"WHAT IS" COUNTS FOR VERY LITTLE EVERY TIME YOU REFLECT THAT "WHAT IS" REPRESENTS THE CAUSE OF "WHAT SHALL BE."—Fouche.

Mr. J. Kelleher arrived by the Changte yesterday to join the staff of the South China Morning Post.

The Hon. Treasurer of the S. P. C. A. acknowledges with thanks a donation of \$10 from Mr. R. A. D. Forrest in memory of the late Mr. M. Manuk.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Blue Funnel liner Patroclus today were Mr. and Mrs. H. Owen Hughes, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. L. Guy, Mr. J. Thayer, Mr. B. E. Fielder and Mr. J. B. Lanyon.

Admitting a charge of having failed to stop when called upon to do so by a police officer, a boatman was fined \$20 or two weeks' imprisonment by the Hon. Comdr. Ho, at the Marine Court this morning.

The lecture by the Rev. Erwin C. H. Tribbeck on Isaac's Peer Gyn, which was to have been given in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home this evening, at 8.30 p.m., has been postponed on account of the prevailing epidemic.

Mr. P. C. Barrand will deliver a paper on "The Ljungstrom Steam Turbine" in the premises of the Institution of Engineers & Shipbuilders of Hongkong, on Thursday, April 14, at 6.30 p.m. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides.

Charged before the Hon. Comdr. Ho, at the Marine Court this morning, with having used his boat for the purpose of conveying prostitutes within the limits of the harbour, a boatman was convicted and fined \$50, or six weeks' imprisonment.

Mr. T. G. Stokes, of the Kowloon Canton Railway, reported to the police yesterday that whilst driving his motor car at the Star Ferry Wharf, Kowloon, at 10.30 a.m., an eight-year-old Chinese girl ran out from under the shelter of the wharf and was knocked down, receiving injuries to her face.

Those who have not yet seen "Palmy Days," now showing at the King's Theatre, should make a point of doing so before the attraction concludes its run. This bright and snappy film, produced on lavish lines, is running until Saturday. It is extremely good entertainment, showing Eddie Cadden, at his best, and provides cinema-goers with a picture distinctly above the average run.

At the annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Branch of the Victoria Bazaar and Missionary Association, to be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, at 9 p.m. to-morrow (Thursday), Dr. M. O. Pfister is giving a lecture, illustrated by lantern views, on a trip through Yunnan to the Sacred Mountain of Omi. There is no charge for admission, and the meeting is open to any who wish to come. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the funds of the V.D.M.A.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Mr. G. R. Sayer (Chairman) declared that he regretted the loss of the services of Mr. T. N. Chau, but congratulated Mr. M. K. Lo on his appointment to Mr. Chau's position. Those present at the Board meeting were Mr. Sayer, Hon. Mr. Harold T. Greasy (Vice-Chairman), Dr. G. W. Pope, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. F. G. Hall, Dr. R. A. do Castro Basto, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy and Mr. J. H. Gelling (Secretary).



"That's the beauty of a sea voyage on this line. You never know you're on a ship."

SIR MAX PEMBERTON on

NASTY NOVELS.

PRINCE GEORGE has been talking to the Book Trade Provident Society about the novel, and all who seek what is best in fiction are his debtors for the words.

Incidentally, the Prince made some admissions. He told us that he reads dozens of novels, "many of which should have been operated upon for gangrene at a point approximately two-thirds of the way through."

Absolute Licence.

The misfortune of these words is that they are wholly true. Nothing, I am convinced, has so astonished the average citizen as the absolute licence permitted to the novelist during the last decade. While the theatre may still be visited by the police for an indecency; while American film producers dance a fandango in the outer halls of adultery, the novelist boldly takes the plunge and defies all authority.

"Prosecute me," he says in effect, "and you will make my fortune. Stop my book because it deals with unnatural offences, and the bookshops of the Continent will rejoice. Indeed, they will offer the volume beneath the flaming placard, 'Banned in England.'"

Raking the Ashes.

So the garbage is cultivated with impunity. Long-haired people with vanishing voices tell us that is art. Beglazzed maidens of ripe age and weight protest that we must write of "life as it is." The mirror among these sects is not held up to Nature; it is held down. The ashes of the nether hell are turned with lantern and with muck-rake; and everywhere there is the reeking odour that revolts.

Let it be said that nobody would seek to re-establish the sickly hypocrisy of the Victorian Age, nor to revive the Richardson-Fielting controversy of the 18th century. Our grandfathers believed (in fiction) that no woman lacked virtue, and that if the Devil did not catch the sinner in the last chapter the book was evil. The 18th century wrangled over "Tom Jones," and clever Lady Mary Montagu had to inscribe her copy "Ne Plus Ultra" before she persuaded her friends to read it. Parents, nevertheless, continued to put their copies under the bed and parsons to denounce it. Yet Thackeray, in his preface to "Pendennis," described it as the greatest picture of "a man" he had met with.

If this were so in England, France, that land of just freedom in literature, also had her troubles.

Flaubert and Zola.

One of the world's greatest novels, Flaubert's "Madame Bovary," was violently assailed by priests and puritans, and its masterly author brought to trial at Rouen. Great poets and thinkers went from Paris to Normandy to defend a genius and succeeded. Later on there came the hubbub about Zola's "La Terre"—a nasty book, which sent an English translator to prison and brought forth champions of the cesspool whom one pities.

Perhaps that amazing aberration of a great intellect, "La Garconne," really started the muck-writers here upon their unbridled way. They began to "try it on," and were astonished by the liberty permitted to them. Words and phrases

they would never dare to use before decent women were interjected freely into their stories. They sought their types in Chelsea studios (though many a Chelsea studio would quickly throw them to the gutter), and the poultry yard was a second home to them. Of tales to tell they had none. Of that romance "which holdeth children from play and old men from the chimney corner," as Sir Philip Sidney wrote, they were ever ignorant. "Abandon decency all ye who enter here," might well have been the slogan written on their door-posts. They were possessed neither of shame nor sense.

Hardy's Opinion.

The year before Thomas Hardy died I had a long talk with him about the English novel and its modern tendency.

What seemed to perplex that great writer more than anything else was the great lack of invention among the modern school.

"When you and I began to write," he said—I was properly proud of his comprehensiveness—"we had to find a beginning, a middle, and an end to our stories. Nowadays, the books I read begin in the middle and have no end."

It was very true—and I cannot help but wonder what Hardy would have said could he have read some of our latest fiction and learnt that it had been published with impunity.

Sometimes I hear it urged, and with little justice, that women are chiefly responsible for these outrageous screeds. Punch, it is true, showed us an old gentleman handing a modern novel to his wife and saying that it was very good but that their daughter must not read it. "Too late," said the mother. "She wrote it."

No Stories to Tell.

In the main, though these have been and are unpleasant exceptions, this class of book is the work of men whose presenting of Art and Art's necessities merely disgusts. They have no stories to tell, and so they go to the sewers. The police rarely interfere with them, and the booksellers tell you that they must sell something.

How much we and they owed to that gifted storyteller who is gone—Edgar Wallace, the giant among us!

WE HAVE TOO
MANY POSERS.By ST. VINCENT
TROUBRIDGE.

WE all know them, only too well—the posers! They are the men and women who devote a substantial portion of their brains and energy to presenting to the world a picture of themselves which is not based upon reality. Once the posing bug has bitten them, the virtues and qualities which they do possess count as nothing in their sight.

Men who advance the rush to pay their taxes in advance will insist upon being regarded as serious rivals to Bobby Jones in spite of their lamentable week-end performances on the links. Women will cast away the fame of being ideal wives and mothers to present themselves as tearing beauties in spite of the clearest looking-glass evidence to the contrary.

Those Helens of Troy.

This latter, which one may term the Helen of Troy pose, is quite surprisingly common. Because the mysterious forces of sex-appeal can sometimes dispense with beauty of feature, numerous women go through life in the profound conviction that their faces could launch a thousand ships. This conviction they maintain in the face of all opposition, even the opposition of Nature herself.

The sporting pose is prevalent, too, though perhaps more difficult to sustain than many of the others. The continued assumption of golfing prowess, for instance, is very apt to be met by a definite challenge, while the thruster in the club or office hunting field also runs considerable danger of being confronted with a live horse and a real pack of hounds.

But it is in the field of music that posing and affectations of all kinds reach their supreme achievements. It is so dead easy. All that is required is to half close the eyes, assume an expression known to the nursery as "a dying duck in a thunderstorm," and the trick is done. Add occasional exclamations of rapture, and you will pass for a musical connoisseur without the necessity for displaying any other knowledge of the difference between the saving of kings and the popping of weasels.

Does posing pay? How far do the posers deceive the world at large? How far do they deceive (Continued on Page 8.)

GENEVA HUMS.

THREE GATHERINGS
IN SESSION.

TARDIEU - STARRED.

Geneva, Apr. 12. Simultaneous work by the League Council, the International Labour Conference and the World Disarmament Conference, made Geneva a hive of international activity to-day.

Chief interest centred upon M. Tardieu's proposal to adjourn the Council's decision upon the League's Financial Commission's Report on the Danube State until May.

M. Tardieu made this suggestion in view of the fact that the four principal Powers have appointed experts to conduct a technical examination of the Daubian economic problem.

After Sir John Simon, Signor Grandi and Dr. von Bülow had drawn attention to the urgency of the matter, M. Tardieu's proposal was adopted.

International Army.

The French Premier was also prominent at the Disarmament Conference, where, in a stirring speech, he reiterated France's plan for an international military force and emphasised the interdependence of the French proposals for the suppression of aggressive aims.—*Reuter.*

London, April 12.

It is expected that the Prime Minister will leave London tomorrow week for Geneva to attend the Disarmament Conference.—*British Wireless.*

AN AFTER-DINNER
MUSICAL.BRIGHT PROGRAMME FOR
FRIDAY.

A most entertaining programme has been drawn up for the after-dinner musicale to be held at the Helena May Institute on Friday night at 9 o'clock. Including, as it does, the Colony's best concert talent, the entertainment should be varied and attractive, and should cater for all tastes.

One of the features of the programme will be the appearance—the last in Hongkong—of the glee singers from I.M.S. Medway, who in their performances here have proved themselves a highly delightful combination, with an extensive repertoire of well-known numbers. Variety will be added by an instrumental trio, comprising Mrs. G. Griggs, Mrs. M. H. Arnold and Mr. E. Schroter, and Mr. F. V. Whitte in some of his inimitable monologues. Among the popular vocalists who will give numbers are Mrs. M. Portallion, Mr. P. St. A. Sharpham, Mr. W. H. Bailey and Mr. G. F. d'Almeida.

COMPANY MEETING.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION
CONFIRMED.

Shareholders of the China Entertainment and Land Investment Co. Ltd., this morning unanimously confirmed the special resolution agreed to at a meeting on March 23. In the absence of the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso was chairman. The following resolution was confirmed:—"That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words: 'but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration.'" Mr. P. M. Hodgson seconded, the resolution was agreed to.

Directors present were the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Liang Chi-hao, Li Jowson and Chang Kwei-lin. Shareholders in attendance were Messrs. P. M. Hodgson, Chow Tung-sun and Dr. Edward J. W. Sun.

CHAPAI "REGIME."

ENDED BY ORDER OF THE
JAPANESE.

Shanghai, Apr. 12. The "Chapai puppet government," alleged to have been set up early this month with Japanese backing, has been closed down.

A Japanese consular official stated that the Japanese authorities have caused the association to close its offices on the ground that its activities were found to be against public interests.—*Reuter Morning Post Special.*

A workman engaged on board the s.s. Kwelchow, at the Takoo Docks, last night, received a fractured left leg when he accidentally fell into the No. 2 hold. He sustained a scalp wound and was removed to the Government Hospital for treatment.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Hongkong Women.

[To the Editor, Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—Your correspondent "Homo" says that the nursing sisters out here "have none of the home life in which other emigrants usually find compensation." How many of those Hongkong women whom he censured in his first letter have homes? A half-share in a Hotel bedroom is not a home. The drift from one ill-planned, jerry-built flat to another, which is the fate of many Hongkong women, makes home life impossible. Very few men can stand the discomforts of paternity under such conditions, and probably the easiest way of escape from a nagging husband is to go and play bridge or dance with somebody else while amah keeps the child quiet.

Many women consider that motherhood under such conditions is an impossibility and remain single or childless. Most of these manage to work off their energy in useful interests, but few develop that thirst for excitement which "Homo" so deplores. "Homo" seems to think that these women are inferior to their grandmothers, but he forgets that forty years ago the normal family budget allowed less than ten per cent. of the family income for rent. If that ratio to income could be restored, real home life would be a possibility, and the Female of the Species would fade out.

Mr. Kipling, when he paraphrased the words of Agur, the son of Jakeh, put it all into two lines: An odious woman married May bear a babe and amend. I enclose my card, and remain—Yours etc., X—Q. Y.

Macno Explosion.

Sir,—I feel very grateful to Messrs. de Gray and Costa for their sympathetic interest towards the sufferers of last year's explosion.

But one thing, Sir, I should like to know whether the Macno Government has given any pension to the widows of the victims (Chinese, not the Macnenses).—Yours, etc., QON SECK-AAANG.

DE VALERA TO
RECONSIDER.

(Continued from Page 11.)

those who cannot adjust their minds to the facts. The only thing, in fact, which binds the Commonwealth together is allegiance to the Crown. De Valera is writing to the wrong address. He thinks he is trying to break a link England. He is, in fact, threatening to break the bonds of the Empire which bind Irishmen in Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand to Ireland itself.

Statute of Westminster. The *Evening News* refers to the already expressed concern of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa at the possible consequences of de Valera's meditated action and says he will probably be further reminded by them that the Free State helped to frame the Statute of Westminster, in which it is laid down that the Crown in the symbol of the free association of the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations and they are united by a common allegiance to the Crown. The *News* adds that all over the Empire the hope will be that the Ireland which accepted the invitation to the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa will not go there with the intention of tearing itself out of the family and so becoming no longer entitled to the many and growing boons which membership of the British Commonwealth confers.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

LICENCE TERMS
INFRINGEMENT.MAN WHO RAN TWO
BUSINESSES.

For a breach of a condition governing the grant of his food licence, in that he sub-let or used part of his premises for a business other than that for which the licence was granted, without the special permission of the Head of the Sanitary Department, Lo Chung, proprietor of an eating house at 282, Hennessy Road, was fined \$10 by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy to-day.

The prosecution stated that defendant was carrying on a dual business, having established a carpenter's business on the premises in addition to that of an eating house.

Defendant pleaded that he was doing the best he could to meet the high rent he was paying. In imposing the fine, Mr. Schofield also made an order for the removal of the carpenter's business within a week.

SCHNEIDER TRIO.

GREAT THREAT FOR
HONGKONG.

It is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance at the Helena May Institute to-night, when the world-famous Schneider Trio will give the first of two recitals, the other being on Wednesday, 20th instant. A feast of really beautiful music is assured by these noted instrumentalists.

This is a wonderful opportunity for real lovers of music, and also an opportunity to demonstrate that the claim that Hongkong is not a music-loving community is not true. The Schneider Trio have travelled all over the Far East. In the Dutch Indies, in the Philippines, in Shanghai and in Tokyo they had a most enthusiastic reception.

The Musicians.

Prof. Baron Anatol Vietinghoff-Schoel (Piano and clavicembalo), invented the "Chromatophon" and is a distinguished composer. Brilliant, captivating technique and musical capacities are the chief qualities of this excellent pianist. Through his exquisite touch predestined to be a clavicembalo player, he knows how to draw the beautiful tones from this wonderful instrument that give us the illusion of the strains of olden times.

Remja Waschitz (violin), is a pupil of the celebrated French violinist Lucien Capet. He played for years in leading German orchestras; later he appeared as a soloist and chamber musician at Paris and Berlin. His playing shows the qualities of Germanic discipline and purity, refined by Romantic elegance and spirit. His extraordinary ear for music and his superior technique enable him to do justice to the style of every epoch.

Prof. Wolfgang Schneider, (violinello) is the founder of this Trio, pupil of Professor Hugo Becker of the Berlin Conservatory of Music, has applied himself specially to the playing of Chamber Music. His mobility, his splendid taste and his intellectual adaptivity give his rendition an exceptionally fine shading of sound. His extensive knowledge of literature and extended requirements during the world, an extraordinary feeling for style, combined with exquisite taste, always make his concerts an outstanding event for the public. The title of Professor was conferred on him by the President of the Austrian Republic.

The remarkable qualities of these three artists—their perfect co-ordination—create a marvel of complete unity. Whether they play trios of the classical, romantic and modern school or Baroque music with clavicembalo, always the audience is impressed with the perfect reproduction of the compositions performed.

NEW STATE AND
DR. KOO.JAPAN'S ATTITUDE NOW
DEFINED.

Tokyo, Apr. 12. Japan is unable to ask Manchukuo, the new State in Manchuria, to reverse its decision to refuse Dr. Wellington Koo's admission into Manchuria with the League Commission, but as Japan has temporarily undertaken to see that peace and order are preserved in Manchuria, the Japanese Government has decided to tell the Commission that Japan will do everything possible to provide for Dr. Wellington Koo's entry if he accompanies the Commission.

A spokesman of the Government in announcing this decision emphasized that it is in Japan's interest to enable the Commission to study conditions on the spot, and as neither the League nor Japan has yet recognized the new Manchurian State, there is no question of disregarding Manchukuo's sovereignty if Japan in this way conveys to Dr. Wellington Koo's entry into Manchuria.—*Reuter.*

Ban on Cereal Export.

Peking, Apr. 12. The Manchukuo is reported to have prohibited the export of cereals into China proper, and to have instructed the Peking-Mukden Railway not to carry such produce destined for places in China.—*Reuter.*

Ma Chan-shan Flees.

Peking, Apr. 12. Chinese reports published here allege that Gen. Ma Chan-shan, the famous hero of the Nonni River fighting, has fled from Changchun, where he was recently appointed Minister for War, and is en route to Russia via Tachien. It is reported that most of Gen. Ma's troops have turned against the new regime.—*Reuter.*

A CAUSE CELEBRE.

A SPIRITUALIST SUES
"DAILY MAIL."

London, Apr. 12. A spiritualist cause celebre in which Mrs. Meuric Morris is suing the *Daily Mail*, which challenged the genuineness of her alleged powers, is attracting enormous interest now that the case of the Rector of Stiffkey, the Rev. Davidson, is temporarily halted.

Lady Conan Doyle, the widow of the famous novelist, and like him a prominent spiritualist, expressed unqualified belief in Mrs. Morris's trance mediumship.

From the witness box in the High Court to-day she declared that the "guides" of herself and her husband foretold many distant events, notably two years ago when they predicted the present Sino-Japanese trouble.

Lady Conan Doyle was closely questioned by Mr. Justice McCardie on her spiritualistic theories.

Another witness was Dr. Montagu Eder, an expert on nervous and mental diseases. He described Mrs. Morris's condition when she went into a trance during a medical examination. The other transmission in masculine voices of the spirit views of "Father O'Keefe" and "Mr. Power," Dr. Eder described as perfectly sincere and honest.

Other witnesses included a woman mental expert and a doctor of philosophy.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

HONGKONG SHARE
MARKET.OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY
STOCK EXCHANGE.

The opening this morning was quietly steady, but trading still remains on a meagre scale.

Sales.
Providents (Old) \$4.90.
Providents (New) \$2.30.
Humphreys \$10.65/\$17.
Hongkong Realty \$11.65.
Ewos \$14.90.
Hongkong Electric \$74½.
Amusements \$22½.

Buyers.
Union Insurance \$470.
Benguet \$13½.
Docks \$20½.
Providents (Old) \$4.90.
Providents (New) \$2.30.
Hotels (Cm. Right) \$13½.
Hongkong Realty \$11½.
Chinese Estates \$95.
Benguet Explorations 29 cents.
Ewo Cottons \$14.90.
Hongkong Tramways \$21.60.
Star Ferries \$30½.
Hongkong Electric \$74.
Telephones (P.P.) \$24.80.
Lane, Crawford (Old) \$5.30.
Sincere \$16½.
Amusements \$22½.
Constructions (New) \$1.85.
Govt. Loans 3¼% Premium.
Sellers.
China Lights (Old) \$21½.
S. C. Enterprises \$10.

THE FEARS OF
FAMOUS MEN.

SUPERSTITION.

Famous men's superstitions are the subject of a new book by Sir Charles Iggleden.

Miss Marjorie Bowen, the novelist, in a foreword, states:

Superstition has slain more souls than desire or the lust for gold or power.

The author reveals that Sir Malcolm Campbell, the world's fastest racing motorist, repudiates superstition, but believes in luck.

Unlucky Thirteen.

Here are the reactions of two judges, two cricketers, and an actor to superstition:

Mr. Justice Luxmoore: Always refused in his barrister days, a brief marked "13 guineas"—even if it were disguised as "12 guineas and one extra."

Mr. Justice McCardie: Denies that he has any superstitions. "They are inconsistent with my mind, instincts and my outlook," he says.

Mr. Percy Chapman—The Test captain—does not believe in superstition, but thinks that port certainly ought to go the right way round.

Doctor W. G. Grace was obsessed with the belief that if his name in the batting list, was opposite an even number, he would make no runs.

Sir Henry Irving caused a sensation by sending a note to a lady in the stalls: "For God's sake take your peacock feather fan out of the theatre to prevent disaster."

Said to have attempted suicide in a fit of depression over financial matters, a woman named Li Lax, of 4, Chiu Shing Street, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of an overdose of eucalyptus.

RADIO
BROADCASTSECOND CLUE IN THE
TREASURE HUNT.

Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s). 5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme. 7.00-8.30 p.m. Children's Concert. 8.30-10.30 p.m. European Programme.

7.00 p.m. Mail Notice, etc. 7.03-7.28 p.m. Scottish Selections.

Song-Up in the Mornin' Early (Hamilton and Mackenzie).

Song-Castles in the Air (Traditional). Margaret F. Stewart (Soprano). 5505.

Band-The Thistle (Myddleton arr. Winterbottom). 5505.

Reg. Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. 9102.

Song-The Standard on the Braces O' Mar (Laird).

Song-Duncan Gray (Robert Burns). Elder Cunningham (Bass-Baritone). 6045.

Pibroch Solo-Thema from Lament for Donald Ban Macrimmon. (Macrimmon). 6045.

Pipe (Major John MacDonald of Inverness). 6052.

7.28-8.00 p.m. Variety.

Song-Sitting at a Table Laid for Two. Florence Oldham (Comedienne). DB623.

Vocal Quintette-By All the Stars Above You. The Maestros. DB432.

Instrumental-Honolulu. Hawaiian Silver String Quartet. 5431.

Humorous Monologue-Mr. Potter Visits Southend. 5507.

Vocal Duet-Viktoria and Her Hussar-Mama. Vocal Duet-Viktoria and Her Hussar-Mama. 5507.

Instrumental-Blaze Away. Eddie Peabody. DB661.

Vocal Duet-Smiles-Time on my Hands. Layton and Johnstone. DB555.

8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-8.30 p.m. Selections from Opera.

Organ Solo-Frederica-O Maiden, My Maiden (Lehar).

Organ Solo-Frederica-Wayside Rose (Lehar).

Quentin M. Maclean. DB277.

Pianoforte Solo-Rosenkavalier. Fantasy on Love Themes (R. Strauss, arr. Grainger).

Percy Grainger. DB29.

Orchestral-Madame Butterfly. Selection (Puccini, arr. Tavan).

New Queen's Hall Light Orch. 9306.

Pianoforte Solo-Rigoletto-Paraphrase (Verdi, arr. Liszt).

Irene Scharrer. DB76.

8.30-9.02 p.m.

Concerto in E Minor for 'Cello and Orchestra (Elgar, Op. 65).

W. H. Squire (Cellist) and the Halle Orchestra conducted by Sir Hamilton Harty. DX117-DX120.

9.02-9.30 p.m.

Orchestral and Band Selections. The Little Minister Overture (Mackenzie).

New Queen's Hall Light Orch. 7140M.

Freuet Euch Des Lebens (J. Strauss). Thousand and One Nights (J. Strauss).

Johann Strauss and Symphony Orchestra. 9226.

Waldteufel Memories-Fantasia (Arr. Fitch).

Herman Fitch and His Orch. 9836.

The Damsel Rose (Chopin Themes adapted by Glutman).

The Court Symphony Orch. DX24.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

9.30 p.m.

Dr. Radio will give listeners the second clue of the Radio Treasure Hunt.

9.45-10.30 p.m.

A Programme of Concert Items selected from Z. B. W.'s Library of Records.

Song-I Sometimes Think (From The Persian Garden Suite by Liza Lehmann) Muriel Brunsell (Contralto).

Duet-A Book Of Verse (From The Persian Garden Suite by Liza Lehmann) Dora Labette (Soprano) and Hubert Elsdell (Tenor).

Piano Solo-Improvisation in A Flat (Schubert).

Piano Solo-Étude in E Major (Chopin).

Ignacio Jan Faderewski. Chorus-There is a Tavern in the Town.

Chorus-(a) Vive La Compagnie (b) When Johnny Comes Marching Home.

Harold Williams and The B. B. C. Male Chorus.

Violin Solo-La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin (Debussy-Hartmann).

Violin Solo-En Bateau (Debussy).

Song-Ah! Moon Of My Delight (From The Persian Garden Suite by Liza Lehmann) Hubert Elsdell (Tenor).

Piano Solo-Variations in C Minor (Beethoven).

Sergei Rachmaninoff. 10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-Day Press News.

10.33 p.m. Close Down.

HANGCHOW SLUMP.

LARGE NUMBER OF SHOPS
CLOSING DOWN.

Hangchow, Apr. 12. As a result of the business depression, following the Sino-Japanese hostilities, 20 per cent. of the shops here are closing down.

It is stated that they are doing only 5 per cent. of their normal trade.—*Reuter.*

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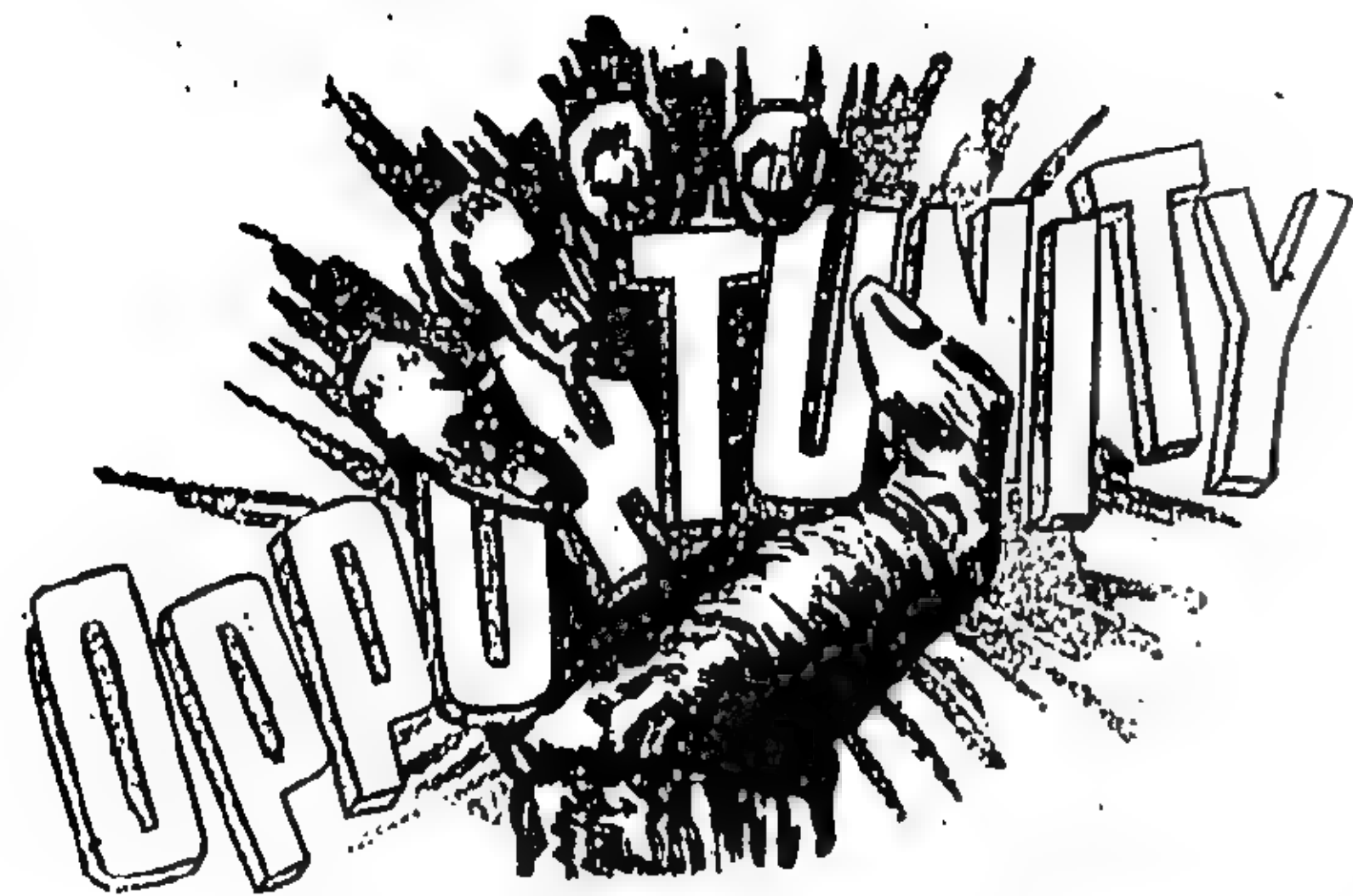
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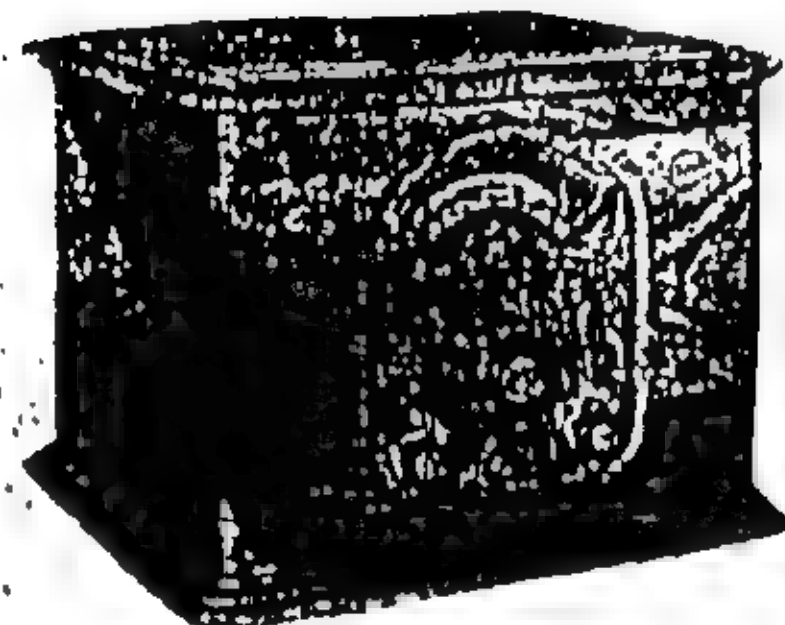
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SLUM AREAS.

REBUILDING QUESTION AT
SANITARY BOARD.

"Nothing would please me more than to see the disappearance of these slum areas, but if they are to exist, will it not be better for them to be with sanitary conveniences than without," declared Mr. M. K. Lo at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

The question arose following a discussion on an application for the erection of five water closets at No. 15, New Market Street and No. 8, Connaught Road West. Consideration of the application was adjourned to enable the Board to see the premises.

Mr. G. R. Sayer (President) told the Board that the Select Committee dealing with the application had unanimously recommended that the Board refuse the application. Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Director of Public Works, declaring that the building was unsuitable and he did not want to perpetuate the type.

Mr. Lo said that it was really reverting to the old question of whether the Board would use its power as a lever to cause the rebuilding of old houses, a policy to which the Board had previously agreed it would not adhere. He would be inconsistent in supporting the motion unless he was assured that that was not being done in this case.

Mr. Sayer—It is not a case of using a lever; the building is simply not suitable.

Mr. F. C. Hall—I must support Mr. Lo. If a building is unfit for a water closet, it must be unfit for human habitation.

Hon. Mr. Cressy and Dr. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, declared that the premises were insufficiently ventilated.

Dr. R. A. de Castro said he would like to take a look at the premises and on his request, the matter was adjourned.

FRIENDLY HOCKEY.

G. SINGH'S BRILLIANT PLAY
FOR RADIO.

In a friendly hockey match on the Caroline Hill ground yesterday afternoon the Radio Sports Club beat the German Club by six goals to nil.

The Radio team were vastly superior to their opponents and through the efforts of G. Singh at centre-forward established a strong lead in the first half when they scored four times. G. Singh being responsible for three of the goals and K. Singh for the other. G. Singh again netted in the second half when A. Singh scored a sixth.

Neither team was at full strength. For the Radio G. Jack at centre-half and G. Singh were outstanding, while Muller tried hard for the German Club but always found the Radio defence too good.

LAWN TENNIS.

BODIKER AND LEUNG TO
PLAY HERE.

Two of the leading Canton players, G. Bodiker, the singles champion, and Leung Tak-kwong, the runner-up, will be playing against local players on Thursday and Friday on the stand court.

Both Bodiker and Leung have defeated E. C. Fincher and M. W. Lo in the Interport contest between Hong-kong and Canton, but S. A. Rumbold has defeated them both during some of his week-end visits to Canton.

The following will represent the Engineering Faculty in a University Inter-faculty tennis match against the Medics this afternoon at 4.30 p.m. at Pokfulam:

Prof. F. A. Redmond, L. A. Oppenheim, P. L. Tan, K. M. Lo, W. Fletcher and L. A. de Silva (Capt.).

TENNIS DOUBLES
FINAL.NOW INDEFINITELY
POSTPONED.

We are informed by the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.C.C. that the tennis doubles championship final, which had to be postponed yesterday by reason of inclement weather, and which it was hoped might have been played to-day, has now been postponed indefinitely.

The match will take place on the first available day on which the weather and court are suitable, the date to be announced later.

FRIENDLY CRICKET.

HONGKONG C.C. ELEVEN
AGAINST KOWLOON.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Kowloon Cricket Club at 2 p.m. at the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday:

E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), A. C. Beck, Captain R. L. Burnett, R.N., E. R. Duckitt, J. E. Richardson, L. A. M. Anstruther, R.E., D. McLellan, L. T. Ride, W. D. Foley, J. E. Potter and A. D. Lawson.



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Whampoa Docks, \$20 1/2 b.
South China Motors, \$10 n.
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New Engineers, Tls. 5 1/4 n.
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Asia Realities "A", \$160 n.
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DISARMAMENT IDEAS.

FRENCH AND RUSSIAN PROPOSALS.

Geneva, Apr. 12.
An ambitious plan for the reduction of armaments has been proposed by M. Litvinoff at the Disarmament Conference.
He asked if all the States represented were ready for a substantial though partial reduction in armaments. If the answer was again in the negative it would be impossible to conceal the fact that the Disarmament Conference had failed, and might be ended immediately.

M. Litvinoff proposed to establish for each State a percentage reduction of all armed forces; taking into account the geographical situation, the population, length of frontiers and other factors. He proposed a reduction ranging from 5 per cent. for an army of 50,000 to 40 per cent. for one of 170,000. M. Litvinoff again advocated the establishment of an international force under the service of the League of Nations, which he declared was essential. The French proposal reminded the conference that all who were signatories to the Paris Pact supported the principle of a limitation of armaments. —*Reuter.*

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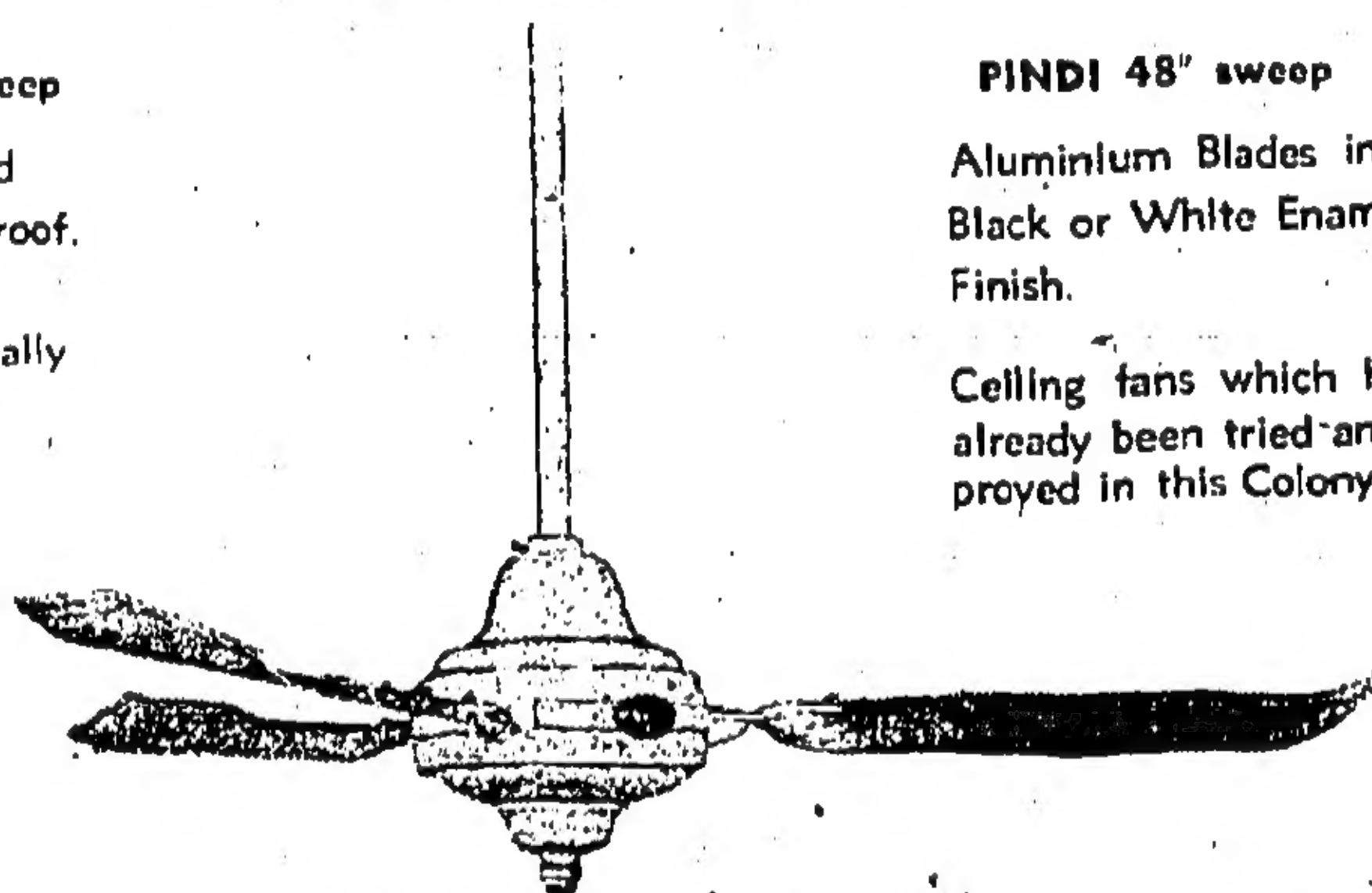
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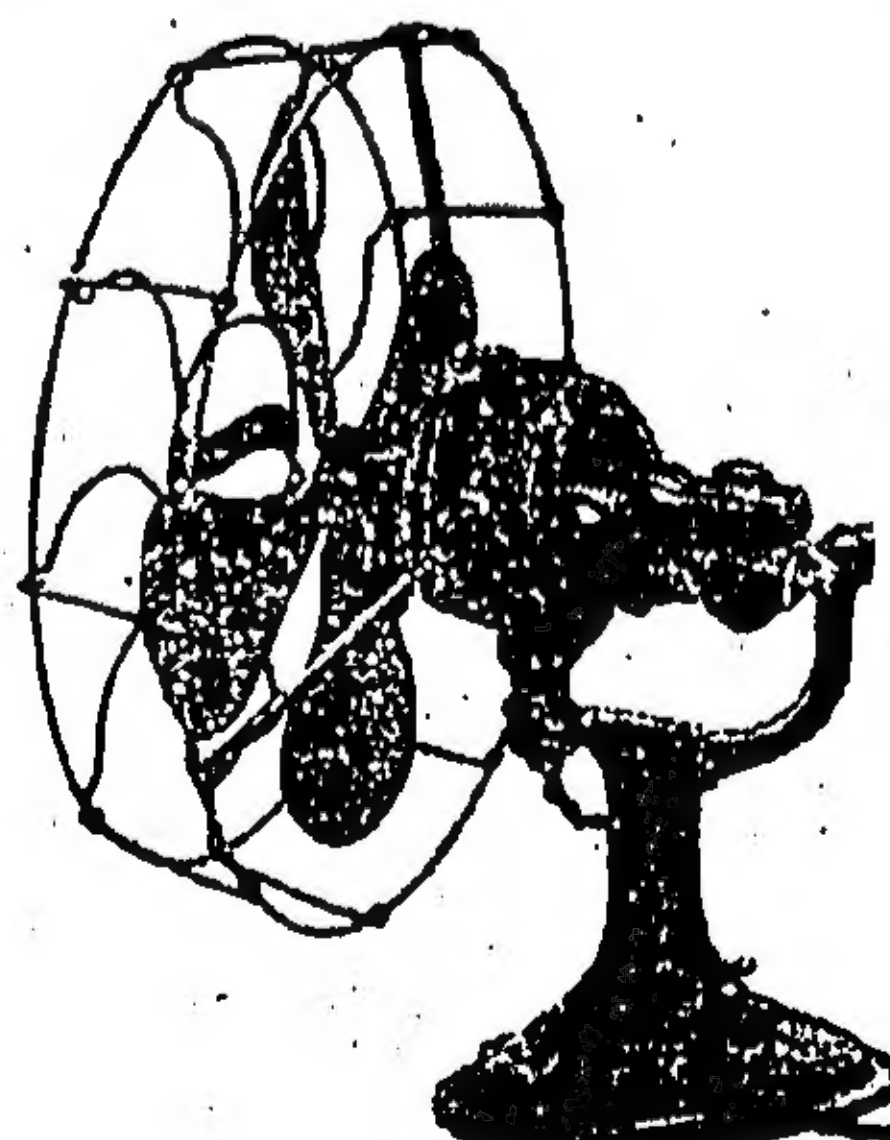
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But what worries and anxieties are concealed by that phrase "finding out what the market is"? In an ideal market, every banker would say frankly, "I know what information you require" and then proceed to quote you his rates for various currencies and different deliveries—rates which would be firm and unalterable for at least five minutes. You would only have to say "Thank you."

There was an actual case where a banker in a place where rates were very stationary, used to sit back with his feet up, smoking a cigar and reading his correspondence. When the brokers came in they found his buying rate chalked on the sole of his right foot and his selling rate on the left. When he wasn't a buyer, he dropped his right foot or crossed his legs, leaving only the selling rate visible. (Laughter). And vice versa if he wasn't a seller. But that was quite exceptional.

Finding Out the Rates.

In reality, you call on a banker knowing full well that you have got to use every form of artifice and subtlety to find out even a fraction of what he wants to do; you have got to try and pierce the sphinx-like mask of his poker face and hope that by some cunningly contrived question you will succeed in catching him unawares and forcing him to admit that he is rather a buyer than a seller. By great good fortune, you may get one of them to say that he will actually buy or sell at a certain rate, but if he has so far committed himself he will probably qualify it at once by saying "provided the market doesn't get stronger or weaker" or "it depends on what turns up."

After calling on a dozen or so bankers and putting them through the third degree, you are still completely hazy as to the actual market, and when definitely asked what it is, you answer non-committally that it "ought to be so-and-so." That is why you see so many exchange brokers at a quarter to ten in the morning hailing one another in rickshaws and begging their competitors to tell them what the market is. Being very frank individuals, we promptly give our competitors what little information we have acquired—with suitable reservations—and carry on, feeling that we have done our good deed for the day.

Reluctance Of Bankers.

Most of the bankers are reluctant to tell you anything until they have found out what you are trying to do, and they only make their wants known when they think you are going to be of some use to them. It is, therefore, most unwise to be put off by a banker's statement that he is doing nothing. No banker ever does nothing. There are a thousand and one things he wants to do. But he won't tell you. That is the humiliation of the position.

Take my friend here, Mr. Kan Tong-po. When you ask him something he shakes his head solemnly and says "Very slack! Very slack!" Whether he is referring to business or to the broker is not at all clear. (Laughter). You press him again and he says "See what happens." What he wants to do will be revealed in due course—and then probably to one of your competitors. But you have got to keep on pegging away. He may suddenly like your face and give you an order.

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How does any fall in prices take place? It is a question of supply and demand. Usually in Hongkong there is neither supply nor demand, though occasionally someone buys \$10 to send home to his wife. (Laughter). But theoretically, it works out like this—and I am speaking of the inter-bank market, which enables us to get such wonderful rates for our merchants:—

A broker finds about six banks trying to buy sterling at 1/4 1/6 and only one selling at 1/4. He says to one of the buyers "You haven't an earthly chance of getting 1/16. There's only one seller at 1/4. Grab it while you can." So the rate of 1/4 is done. The other buyers hear about it and some say that they will buy at that rate too—so the market has become 1/16. The lucky broker who put through the transaction has earned his brokerage, but he must be prepared to spend the rest of the day getting his pants kicked by the five disappointed buyers for not using his persuasion with them.

Practical Difficulties.

In practice, however, the market does not always stand still while a broker makes his rounds, weighs up buyers and sellers, and then puts through a transaction. When he approaches the solitary seller, he usually finds that the man has gone off selling. Even if he thinks he can rely on two or three sellers at 1/4, he may still be unable to connect business. Of course when he first gets an order to buy at a feasible rate, he will scurry from the manager's room in a state of high elation. It is in frenzied moments such as this that you have seen these fellows take a flying leap on to the pavement, jump in to a moving rickshaw, and dash among the traffic, looking like Ben Hur in a chariot race.

Entering the sanctum of the first seller he says "I can buy \$5,000 at 1/4." But the banker regrets that he no longer has any cover. For all you know, he may have been quoting merely for fun. Undaunted, the broker rushes to the next seller and is told the same thing. He probably says to himself "Something wrong with my methods. I look too excited. I'm frightening them off."

So he slows down and saunters into the office of the remaining

seller, hoping to conceal his inward excitement. This time he doesn't shout "I can buy \$5,000." He enquires cautiously, "Are you selling at 1/4?" Then when the banker says "Yes," he can seize a contract form and fill in his order. But the man doesn't say "Yes." He says "Shanghai's gone easier. I'm buying now." (Laughter).

So great is my sympathy for that broker that a lump comes in my throat as I think of his bitter anguish and disappointment. Most galling of all is the fact that he must confess to his buyer that he has failed. Possibly, while he was awaiting the business was done by another broker who used the telephone. But sometimes the market can rise or fall 1/8d. or more without any transactions being put through.

Discreet Enquiries.

To keep pace with the rates you have also got to try and find out what your competitors are doing in the interbank market. But though you see signs of activity right and left, you may not know in the least what it is all about. It may not be interbank business at all. A man can get just as hot and bothered over buying a draft for fifty pesos.

You therefore set out like a sleuth-hound to gain the desired knowledge. Some bankers just sit with their contracts before them, turned upside down, and defy your efforts at thought reading, with a bland smile on their faces. You won't get much help from those quarters. But some will reveal a transaction in confidence: some will talk quite naturally about what they have done; while others—a very small minority—will blurt it from the rooftops. In the latter case a purchase of \$10,000 becomes \$20,000 in no time, by the mere process of rumour-mongering, and an hour later it will be reported that they have bought up the whole market.

Help From Brokers.

On the whole, however, you will not glean as much as you would wish, in the course of this detective work; and the next step is to tackle your broker competitors, in the hope that one of them will be in an expansive or boastful mood. The offer of a cigarette, or the gift of a piece of chocolate, (laughter) will sometimes work the oracle. Under the spell of your friendliness, the other fellow may confess to you that he has just done a quarter of a lac of yen or a wad of rupees. One of my friends can always be won over by telling him the latest

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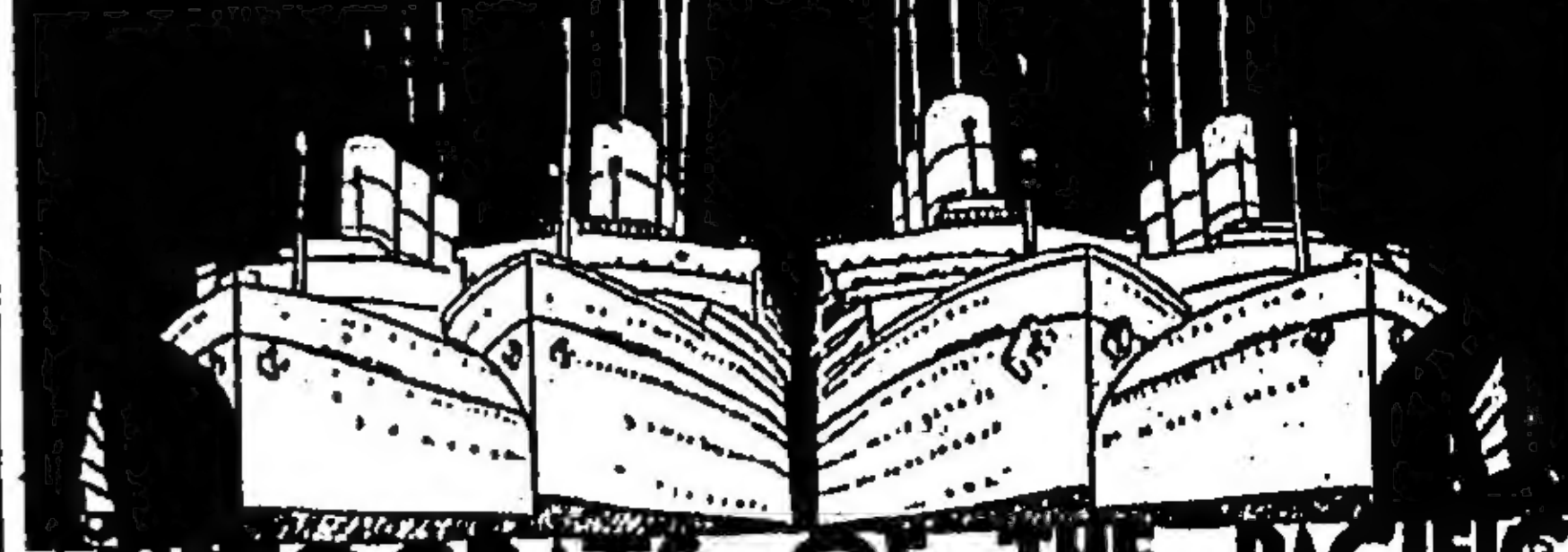
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after-dinner joke. When he has finished laughing, he is in such a good mood that he will tell you all he knows. Unfortunately it never amounts to very much. (Laughter).

Frustrated Hopes.

Well, gentlemen, I could go on indefinitely but I shall be getting the bankers on my track. However, I hope that I have said enough to show that, like all of you, we have our worries, and that life with us is not one long rickshaw ride. Next time you hear a shouting in the street and are nearly knocked over by a bullion broker's coolies, do not vent your anger on him, even if he looks as though he owned the President Hoover. Think rather of his frustrated hopes and agony of mind, and remember that underneath that pretty buttonhole his heart may be as heavy as the silver market.

I do not suppose I shall address you again on this subject for the next fifteen or twenty years, but if I have dwelt to-day on the drawbacks of our profession, you may rest assured that next time I shall strike a more optimistic note. I shall be just thinking of retiring, and must get someone to buy my seat!—(Laughter and applause).

A Banker's View.

The speaker was fittingly thanked by Mr. Li Tse-fong, of the Bank of East Asia, who found a few things to say about bullion brokers. In the course of a brief but laughable address, Mr. Li remarked: As a bank manager I have to spend a lot of my time in interviewing brokers every morning, and many bankers consider that these interviews are a sheer waste of time.—(Laughter). I, myself, consider that, sometimes, they are rather useful, if not helpful, because when business is slack their coming in and going out all the time gives the appearance of great activity (laughter) and when business is brisk their views on music, pianos (laughter), racing and golf gives me great relief in the morning's routine work which has to be done as quickly as possible.

He continued: In my opinion, the lot of the broker is not at all an unhappy one; and if Mr. Bowes-Smith is thinking of selling his seat I can give him an offer.—(Applause). Subject to satisfactory arrangements, I am perfectly willing to change positions whenever he wishes it.—(Laughter and applause).

Magnificent Hospitality.

The Chairman: Before closing the meeting I would ask you to join with me in thanking the Dollar Steamship Company for their magnificent hospitality.—(Applause).

I also wish to thank the passengers who are non-Rotarians, on this ship, for having borne with us to-day. I didn't notice any raspberries coming towards the speaker but, as he said, there are no bananas, though I believe there were some in the fruit cellars.—(Laughter).

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Company and the Captain.

The Next Meeting.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman reminded members that next Tuesday's meeting would be held as usual, in Messrs. Lane Crawford's restaurant.

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RANCHI	17,000	4th June.	Bombay, M'les & L'don
*BANGALORE	6,500	11th June.	M'les, L'don, Havre, H'burg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
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RANCHI	17,000	5th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
TILAWA	10,000	5th May.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
TANDA	7,000	6th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok
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Before Mr. Fraser, at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, a young married woman named Luk Shu-tan, living at No. 177 Tung Choi Street, was charged with ill-treating a male child named Chan Pi, two years of age, on various dates.

Mr. R. C. Wilkinson, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, appeared for the prosecution, and alleged that too severe punishment was inflicted by the defendant on the child with a feather duster on 20th March.

Giving evidence, Dr. J. Smalley, of the Kowloon Hospital, said he examined the child on April 2 and found him to be suffering from multiple bruises in the lower limbs, from the thigh downwards. Similar bruises could also be found on both arms, while the cheeks were also bruised. In his opinion, the injuries were at least from three to four days old. Close to the right eye was a haemorrhage, which might have been caused by a blow.

Sub-Inspector Fraser, attached to the S.C.A., testified to visiting 177 Tung Choi Street on receiving a report on April 2, and finding the child, of whom the defendant was the mother. There were several injuries on his body and witness took him to the Kowloon Hospital for Dr. Smalley's examination.

Defendant admitted caning the child, but denied that she had done so on several occasions previous to March 29. She stated that she chastised him because he would not obey her; she contended she had no other way of teaching him except by caning.

His Worship held that even if the child were naughty, defendant was not justified in inflicting such a heavy punishment.

A fine of \$100 or two months was imposed.

Loyang, Apr. 12.

The National Emergency Conference closed this morning with a review of troops.

The delegates voted for the gradual enforcement of conscription in China, stressing the importance of military training in schools.

The conference decided to convene a National People's Conference in October, with 300 delegates representing the leading professions and civic organizations and also the overseas Chinese.—*Reuter*.

The boxing match between H.M.S. Hermes and H.M.S. Cumberland, arranged for Thursday, 14th inst., is postponed owing to the meningitis outbreak.

THE MENINGITIS EPIDEMIC.

STATEMENT BY M. O. H.

MILD AT PRESENT.

One of the surprising features of the meningitis outbreak in Hongkong, which Dr. G. W. Pope, Medical Officer of Health this morning described as a "mild epidemic," is the immunity so far enjoyed by the European population.

Ninety-five per cent. of the cases reported to date, which number 63, are Chinese victims. There have been only three Europeans—one French (imported) and two Portuguese, whilst one Armenian and one Indian case has also been notified.

Dr. Pope said he could not give the exact mortality figures, but they amounted to about 33 per cent., the number of deaths being just over 20.

"The figures do not justify the outbreak being called a real epidemic," he added. "The League of Nations take 25 cases a week as indicating an epidemic, but this figure is applied to a population of 5,000, and certainly could not be regarded as epidemic where there is a population of nearly a million."

"I should call the present attack a mild epidemic," he added. Asked if the authorities had considered further the possibility of introducing preventive measures, the Medical Officer of Health replied that, so far as they could see, there were no such measures which could be enforced.

"My chief hope lies in some really warm weather. The same thing happened in 1918. As soon as the weather became colder, the cases increased, and when the sun came out and the atmosphere warmed up, they instantly declined."

Dr. Pope again stressed the necessity for plenty of fresh air and avoidance of crowded places, but apart from this, said the disease left them helpless so far as precautions were concerned.

SHANGHAI SHARES.

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have received the following cabled quotations of Shanghai shares: Ewo Cottons, Tia. 14.90. Shanghai Lands, 23.80. Shanghai Electric "Bearer", 30.25. Market steadier, with more enquiry.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has weakened and moved into the Eastern Sea; The depression has passed into the Pacific to the East of Hokkaido. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; cloudy, rain.

FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

INQUEST INTO WOMAN'S DEATH.

The death of a coolie woman who was knocked down by a Fiat car, No. 3090, driven by Mr. C. E. Gahagan in Hennessey Road, Wanchai on March 28, was the subject of an inquest held before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks watched the proceedings in the interests of the driver concerned in the case.

Mr. Gahagan stated that at 4.15 on the afternoon in question he was proceeding eastward along Hennessey Road. When passing Canal Road East he noticed the woman, carrying two baskets of Shanghai plaster, crossing Hennessey Road diagonally, going from north to south.

He sounded his horn when 20 yards away. She turned towards the south side of the road, then turned again and ran to the north side. He could see that she was very excited, so he slowed down and averted to the right when about four yards away from her. She turned round again, ran towards the south side of the road, and, before he had time to avert clear, she was struck on the right hip by the bumper of the car. As he got out of the car, the victim was being assisted to the pavement by some Chinese. He telephoned for an ambulance from the Asiatic Motor Garage, and also reported the accident to the local district Station.

Accidental Death.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, Medical Officer at the Government Civil Hospital, stated that the woman died five minutes after admission, from shock and multiple injuries, including a ruptured spleen and broken ribs.

The Coroner asked if the post-mortem examination disclosed any definite indication of the woman having been run over, and witness replied that he found no such indication, although the injuries were consistent with the woman having been knocked down by a car.

According to a Chinese mechanic who was an eye witness the car was travelling at full speed and ran straight into the woman. He heard no horn sounded.

After hearing the evidence the jury, comprising Messrs. R. M. de Roche (foreman), R. Darling and J. M. V. Remedios, returned a verdict of accidental death and attached no blame to the driver, who in their opinion, took every precaution to avoid an accident.

In associating himself with the verdict the Coroner expressed the sympathy of the Court and of the jury with the deceased's husband.

The return of notifiable diseases for yesterday shows only one fresh case of cerebro-spinal fever. There were also three cases of diphtheria, two of typhoid and one of small-pox.

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